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COLONY REVENUE ESTIMATE.

EXPECTATIONS OF A DEFICIT.

NEW POLICE STATION FOR WANCHAI PLANNED.

KOWLOON PLAYFIELD.

The Colony's Budget, which is to be introduced in the Legislative Council on Thursday, is expected to show a deficit of $2,521,050 for the year 1929. This much is disclosed in the draft estimates of revenue and expenditure, now issued.

Revenue is estimated to produce a sum of $22,278,600, which compares with the original estimate for 1928 of $20,103,390 and a revised estimate of $22,674,410.

The total expenditure, including the Military Contribution and charges on account of Public Debt, is estimated at $24,799,650.

According to the details of estimated revenue, there are one or two new sources of income.

New Revenue.

These include Tobacco Licences (apart from Tobacco Duties), which are expected to yield $17,000; $3,000 from fees under the new Watchmen's Ordinance; $18,000 from interchange or rolling stock on the Kowloon-Canton Railway; and $100 as profit on Central Mechanical Works, Home Line, on the railway. No revenue is budgetted for in respect of the Fanling branch line, which is now closed—a source from which $4,200 was estimated for the current year.

It is interesting to note that land sales for 1928 were originally estimated to yield $150,000, but the revised estimate is now $1,255,000. For next year, the estimate is one million dollars.

Details of Revenue.

The details of the estimated revenue for 1929 are:

Light Dues ..... $	314,000
Licences and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified	15,399,150
Fees of Court or Office, Payments for Specific Purposes, and Reimbursements in Aid	1,930,550
Post Office	930,000
Kowloon-Canton Railway	808,300
Rent of Government Property, Land, and, Houses	1,310,200
Interest	200,000
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	386,400
Land Sales	1,000,000
	$22,278,600

Turning to the expenditure side, there are many items of interest in respect of Public Works Extraordinary, under which heading a sum of $3,419,605 is set aside.

New Police Station.

It is intended to erect a new No. 2 Police Station, for which the estimate is $300,000, one-half of which is expected to be spent in the coming year. This station is to replace the present No. 2 Police Station and will be built on the Praya East Reclamation. The present Station accommodation is insufficient and larger premises are required.

For the Peak Wireless Station, a sum of $33,000 is allocated for Block "B" and a sum of $18,000 for Block "C." There is also $22,000 to be spent on two 200 feet steel masts at this station.

Governor's Residences.

Alterations and improvements at Government House are expected to absorb $48,500, whilst a sum of $57,000 is ear-marked for a road to Mountain Lodge, the Governor's Peak residence. Improvements at Mountain Lodge are expected to cost $5,500.

At Government House it is proposed to make an extension to the Ball Room, a new office for H.E. the Governor, extension to gentlemen's cloak-room, office for custodian, conservatory, etc.

The road to Mountain Lodge will be graded to allow for motor traffic and will provide an approach to Mountain Lodge, the Wireless Station and houses on private property.

New Market.

A new market at Sai Ying Pun is expected to cost $400,000, of which one-half will be spent in the coming year.

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BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON.

KINTANG'S GUARD REPLIES TO SHOTS.

YANGTSZE INCIDENT.

After a period of immunity from attacks from the shore, British vessels on the Yangtsze are apparently once more exposed to the danger.

Several cases of firing on British steamers were reported a couple of months ago, but in recent weeks there has been little interference with British shipping.

A Naval wireless message received this morning, however, states that the s.s. Kintang, owned by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was fired on about ten miles above Wushan, at mileage 102.

The fire was returned by the armed guard which the majority of British steamers on the Yangtsze carry, but no reference is made to any casualties or any damage to the ship.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE PROBLEM.

WORKERS AT TWO PORTS HOLD OUT.

Melbourne, Sept. 17.

There is still considerable disagreement in the ranks of the waterside workers regarding the arbitration award, and the decision of the Federation that work was to be resumed to-day has not been carried out completely.

The recalcitrant members are to be found at Brisbane and Fremantle. At Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart and elsewhere, the waterside workers resumed this morning under the new award, but the Brisbane and Fremantle men have rejected the terms and have declined to attend the "pick-ups."

Meanwhile the Federation have made a request to the ship-owners for a conference at which the whole matter should be thrashed out, but the owners have replied refusing to consider the request until all ports are working.—*Reuter.*

MOSQUITO BREEDING UNWITTINGLY.

EARTH COOLIE FINED THIS MORNING.

An earth coolie was fined $5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for removing earth from the vacant piece of ground at the junction of Kansu Street and Nathan Road, without a permit from the Public Works Department.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr. A. C. Burford, land bailiff, informed his Worship that action was taken more from a sanitary point of view. In digging the earth the coolies made holes which were filled by rain and thus led to the breeding of mosquitoes.

FAMOUS ILLUSIONIST DIES AT SEA.

CLIVE MASKELYNE PASSES AWAY OF PNEUMONIA.

London, Sept. 17.

The world-famous illusionist and magician, Clive Maskelyne, died on board the P. and O. s.s. Rawalpindi last night from pneumonia, shortly before the liner reached Marseilles.

Maskelyne was on a voyage to India as a member of a cinematograph expedition, which planned to penetrate into Thibet and to make a film of adventure.—*Reuter.*

PERSIA AND KELLOGG TREATY.

ADHERE WITH RESERVATION AGAINST RESERVATION.

Teheran, Sept. 17.

The Committee appointed by the Government to examine the Kellogg Pact has recommended Persia to adhere to the treaty, but not to adhere to the conditions and reservations of "certain European governments."—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE EXPENSE CRITICISM.

LABOUR OFFICE VOTE HEAVILY CUT.

MR. LOCKER-LAMPSON ON BRITISH VIEW.

OPIUM COMMISSION.

Geneva, Sept. 17.

The steady increase in the expenses of the League of Nations, of which Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, one of the British delegates, complained last week, was again stressed at this afternoon's meeting of the Fourth Budget Committee.

The Committee has already passed a resolution in favour of reasonable limitation by a reduction of the number of conferences, and recommending that certain estimates should be carefully scrutinised with a view to curtailment.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson to-day directed his criticisms towards the expenditure of the International Labour Office, and since his speech was anticipated, a great deal of interest was exhibited, the public galleries being packed to the utmost, testifying to the interest taken in the struggle to secure a reduction of next year's estimates of the International Labour Office.

League's Prestige.

The British delegate declared that the prestige of the League would suffer if further increased expenditure were planned. He mentioned that severe criticisms were being voiced in England regarding the way in which the League was spending money. The idea was prevalent that the expenditure of the League in general and of the International Labour Office in particular was too great.

Opium Proposal Delayed.

At the meeting of the Fifth Committee, a long discussion ensued on the British proposal to appoint a Commission of three to investigate opium-smoking in the Far East with a view to presenting a report for the Opium Conference of 1929.

The South African and New Zealand delegates supported the British motion, but after further debate, the Committee found itself reluctant to approve owing to the expense involved. The vote was adjourned until Wednesday.

Britain Congratulated.

Commenting on the report on slavery submitted by Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, before the Sixth Committee of the League, this morning, M. Rappart, the Swiss delegate, called particular attention to the fact that since the last session, slavery has been completely abolished in Sierra Leone, through most effective and prompt action by the British Government.

M. Rappart recalled how within barely two months of the judicial decision being taken concerning the rights of owners over slaves, the Legislative Council of Sierra Leone voted in favour of emancipating all slaves in the Protectorate numbering some 200,000.

Mr. Locker-Lampson was unanimously appointed Reporter on the slavery question before the Assembly.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Germany Displeased.

Berlin, Sept. 17.

"Geneva Fiasco" and "Germany Sold Again" are typical newspaper comment in Berlin re-echoing the deep disappointment felt in political circles as the outcome of the Geneva discussions on the evacuation of the Rhineland.

Even the Democratic and Republican newspapers do not disguise their dissatisfaction that nothing definite has been achieved.—*Reuter.*

FAIR WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central to the North of Japan. Pressure remains low over the China Sea. The forcast till noon to-morrow is:—North or variable winds, moderate; fair.

DUTCH AIR LINE TO BATAVIA.

REUTER MESSAGE A TRIFLE PREMATURE.

OFFICIAL EXPLAINS.

Amsterdam, Sept. 17.

It has been prematurely inferred owing to a mistaken Reuter message from Basra, that a regular air mail service between Holland and the Dutch East Indies has started.

It was stated that four aeroplanes forming the first of the Dutch air mail service to Batavia were due at Bagdad on Saturday to pick up mails for Persia, British India, Singapore and Batavia, but it is officially explained by the Dutch Government that the machines in question are to remain in the East Indies for a local air mail service.

There is no question at the moment of starting a regular Dutch air line to Batavia.

A fifth machine is leaving Amsterdam for the East Indies on October 11th. This particular machine will return with mails as an experiment of a monthly air service in 1929.

It is, therefore, early to suggest that the Imperial Airways Limited, has been forestalled.—*Reuter.*

COCHET WINS U. S. TENNIS TITLE.

HUNTER BEATEN IN FIVE SPLENDID SETS.

New York, Sept. 17.

After a great game which went the full five sets, Henri Cochet, the famous French tennis player, won the American National Lawn Tennis Championship at Forest Hills to-day, defeating F. T. Hunter (U.S.A.) by 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Hunter gave a capital display in the early stages of the game, but after a fierce fourth set, he could not maintain the pace and Cochet won the deciding set with comfort. Cochet was the only French player to reach the semi-final stage, but he was the favourite throughout.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Hunter, despite his eight years seniority, put up a battle which few of the six thousand spectators believed possible. The Frenchman needed all his wiles and very ounce of his vigour to hold the American and finally took the ascendancy by brilliant volleying and terrific smashing.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CARDIFF DRAW AT WEST HAM.

FOUR HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

London, Sept. 17.

Four matches were played in the English League to-day, the results being much as anticipated. Cardiff City did well to effect a draw at West Ham.

The results were:

Division I.

West Ham	1 Cardiff	1
Blackburn	2 Sunderland	0

Division III (South).

Northants	3 Plymouth	0

Division III (North).

Halifax	1 Wigan	0

—*Reuter.*

SOVIET AIRMEN RESCUED.

TWO HUNDRED MILE TREK OVER ICE.

Moscow, Sept. 17.

It is confirmed that the six men forming the crew of the missing "Soviet North" which embarked on a Polar venture recently, are safe.

Apparently, the machine made a forced landing, and the crew were obliged to abandon the plane. They walked for over 200 miles of tundra to the ice-bound coast where they had the good fortune to be picked up by a steamer.—*Reuter.*

AMAZING CRICKET AT THE OVAL.

LANCASHIRE BEATEN BY AN INNINGS.

HENDREN AND AMES MAKE 179 IN 65 MINUTES.

SUTCLIFFE'S 3,000 RUNS.

London, Sept. 17.

As the final match of the 1928 cricket season, the duel at the Oval between Lancashire, the County champions, and The Rest, was appropriately enough one of the most exciting and sensational of the campaign.

Some of the brightest cricket seen in England during the summer was served up for the delectation of a large crowd, Hobbs, Sutcliffe and Hendren, being the heroes of the game.

Lancashire were defeated by an innings and 91, the match ending to-day though it was scheduled to continue till to-morrow.

The Champion County were outplayed from start to finish. Faced by the leading figures in England's Test team, their batting failed and their bowling was trounced as it has never been trounced before, The Rest declaring after making 603 runs.

Lancashire won the toss and batted first. The scores were:

Lancashire: 296.

The Rest: 603 for 8 wkts. decd).

Lancashire: 216.

Lancashire met with fair success against some splendid bowling and 296 runs were compiled. No player reached a century.

England's famous opening pair, Hobbs and Sutcliffe, gave a wonderful display, batting in perfect style and putting together well over 200 runs before they were separated. As seems usually with this brilliant pair, one did not long survive the other, Sutcliffe being dismissed after contributing 139, while Hobbs was sent back after a chanceless 150.

The most remarkable cricket, however, was seen when Hendren and Ames came together.

Hendren had been batting steadily and had made about 50 runs when he was joined by Ames.

By this time the Lancashire bowling had been completely collared and Hendren proceeded to give one of the most spectacular hitting displays of his long career.

60 Runs in 3 Overs!

Ames and Hendren put on no fewer than 179 runs in 65 minutes, and in one amazing period scored 60 runs off three overs!

Hendren in such a care-free display was bound to make an error and he was sent back after contributing 174, one of his greatest innings. Ames had made 56 not out when the declaration was made.

Lancashire faced with an almost impossible task, failed badly, the whole side being dismissed for 216.

It is notable that in the course of the match Sutcliffe brought his aggregate for the season to 3,000 runs, thus he is the fourth player to do so. Never before in the history of cricket have four players made 3,000 runs in a single season. The preceding players were Hendren, Mead and Woolley.

Averages.

The final first-class cricket averages in abbreviated form show the following leaders:

BATTING.

D. R. Jardine (Surrey)	87.15
Hobbs (Surrey)	82.00
E. Tyldesley (Lancs.)	79.57

BOWLERS.

Larwood (Notts) ...	138 wkts. 14.51
Freeman (Kent) ...	304 wkts 18.05
R Tyldesley (Lancs)	104 wkts 19.06

All these players with the exception of Richard Tyldesley have been chosen to go to Australia.

Barnes was actually listed at the top of the bowling averages, with an average of 10.25 but as he had only taken twenty first-class wickets during the season, the honour goes to Larwood.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

HOOVER ELECTION SPEECH.

HIGH TARIFFS TO BE MAINTAINED.

STANDARD OF LIVING.

Newark, N.J. Sept. 17.

The maintenance of the present high tariffs and the continuance of the existing immigration restrictions were the points emphasised by Mr. Herbert Hoover, the Republican presidential candidate, in a speech here to-day in connexion with his campaign.

Mr. Hoover declared that the position of industry was highly satisfactory with the possible exceptions of the bituminous coal trade and the textile industry, which he said the Government must do its utmost to resuscitate.

Mr. Hoover asserted that the American standard of living was the highest in the world, that the wages paid to working men were climbing higher than ever, and that labour had decreased.

He advocated that serious attention should be given to foreign markets especially in regards to export of the surplus production of the farmers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK.

FRACTURES LIMB AS RESULT OF FALL.

The numerous friends of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., acting Attorney General, will learn with much regret that a rather serious accident befel him at his residence, No. 367, The Peak, on Sunday morning.

Sir Henry was in the hall of his house at about 10 o'clock in the morning, when he accidentally slipped and fell heavily on his hip. The result was a fracture of one of his thigh-bones quite close to the hip.

Medical aid was soon secured and the sufferer given appropriate treatment. To discover the extent of the injury, X-Ray photographs have been taken, and the injured limb is to be set in splints this afternoon.

Sir Henry is being nursed in his own home, and there will be a general hope amongst his many friends that he may make a prompt and complete recovery.

TWO BRITISH BOXING TITLES.

ALEX IRELAND AND SAM STEWARD VICTORS.

London, Sept. 17.

Two British boxing titles were at stake in London and Edinburgh to-night, when huge crows were present to witness splendid contests.

At The Ring, London, in a twenty rounds contest for the lightweight championship of Great Britain, Sam Steward (Lewisham) knocked out Ernie Rice (Hounslow) in the twelfth round.

At Edinburgh, Alex Ireland, (Leith), the holder of the British and European middleweight championship, successfully defended his title against Frank Moody (Pontypridd). The contest was over twenty rounds and it went the full distance, Ireland winning on points after a sterling scrap.—*Reuter.*

NEW TO PORT.

GERMAN STEAMER ON HER MAIDEN TRIP.

Arriving here on her maiden voyage from Hamburg, the s.s. Leverkusen of the Hamburg Amerika Line, figured in this morning's Harbour Office reports.

The Leverkusan is an oil-engined steel screw steamer of 7,000 tons gross, built by the Deutsch Werft of Hamburg in the early part of this year. Her dimensions are:—Length 460 feet, beam 60 feet and depth 28 feet. She is engined to 1,685 N.P.H. by the Algemeine Elec. Ges., of Berlin.

She is commanded by Capt. Henneck, with a crew of 55 Europeans. Messrs. Jebsen and Co., are the local agents.

CYCLONE BRINGS TIDAL WAVE.

DISASTERS IN FRENCH COLONIES.

WEST INDIES HURRICANE TOLL INCREASING.

HEAVY SHIPPING LOSS.

Paris, Sept. 17.

Official reports of the hurricane havoc, though scanty through the severance of communications between different parts of the French Colonies in the Antilles, show that seven small schooners and fifteen native boats were destroyed in a tidal wave which accompanied the cyclone.

The tidal wave swept Martinique creating fearful havoc.

Throughout the island of Guadeloupe, the roads are blocked by fallen trees, hundreds of houses have been ruined or damaged, and all communications have been wrecked.

Hospital Wrecked.

A large hospital at St. Claude was almost destroyed, parts of the building collapsing in the height of the storm. Six persons were killed as the results of the collapse and many others have been injured.

It is impossible to estimate the total death-roll in the Antilles, but the official accounts show that it must run into thousands.

Hundreds Killed.

Twenty-eight were killed when the Commune of Petitbourg was completely devastated by the tidal wave. Point Enpitre has been almost totally destroyed, the suburbs being wiped out completely.

Searchers among the ruins have recovered the bodies of over three hundred persons, while several hundreds have been killed in other communes on the island.

Many factories and sugar refineries have been seriously affected. *Reuter.*

Palm Beach Wrecked.

New York, Sept. 17.

Meagre and incomplete reports of the hurricane still prevents an appraisement of the extent of the disaster. Fifteen people are reported to have been drowned at Okeechobee, Florida.

The damage at Palm Beach is remarkable, running into millions of dollars. It is stated that there is not a single building in the town which passed through the hurricane without damage in some form or others.

Latest reports show that the hurricane swept the Bahamas from end to end, but there is no news from the islands except from Nassau, which apparently has been badly damaged, though no casualties are reported.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. Relief Measures.

Washington, Sept. 17.

President Coolidge has appealed to the nation to contribute promptly and generously to the Red Cross Relief Fund for the sufferers *at Porto Rico and the Virgin* Isles.

A relief ship laden with provisions is leaving for Porto Rico immediately.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Sugar Market Affected.

New York, Sept. 17.

It is reported that the Porto Rico sugar crop has suffered a loss of at least 25 per cent. of the estimated yield as the result of the hurricane.

The announcement has had the effect of making the sugar market firm, the prices closing at from one to four points above the previous closing figures.

The cotton market has been similarly affected, and closed easy at net advances of from 12 to 25 points.—*Reuter.*

Storm Strikes Florida.

New York, Sept. 17.

Refugees who have reached San Juan, travelling over almost impassible roads, report that the death roll in nine places totals 253, and that the coffee, sugar cane, citrus and tobacco crops have particularly suffered from the effects of the storm.

The hurricane yesterday noon struck the Florida coast, tearing off the roofs of several houses, uprooting trees and cutting telegraphic communications.

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SPEED OF A CAR.

AMUSING INTERLUDES IN ASSAULT CASE.

There were some amusing interludes in the case resumed before Major C. Willson yesterday at the Central Police Court, in which a well-known Spanish resident, Mr. J. Gascon Gonzales de Bernedo, summoned the Cantonese driver of private car No. 12, for alleged dangerous and negligent driving.

The charge was denied; and, in a cross-summons against Mr. Gonzales for assault, Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the driver.

Describing what he viewed as a near-accident in which he and a lady friend were endangered, Mr. Gonzales said it occurred shortly after 9.30 on the night of August 26, at the junction of Ice House Street with Des Voeux Road Central.

He had been to dinner with a lady at St. Francis Hotel, and they were going towards the Ferry to return to Kowloon. While crossing the tram-tracks after emerging from Brokers' Alley, he saw a car, No. 12, proceeding along the north side of the road. It was then between Watson's drug store and the King Edward Hotel and appeared to him to be going at a speed which he could not express in terms of milage, except that it was faster than was prudent in that locality.

Without blowing the horn or giving any signal, the car which was still travelling at the same speed, was on the verge of running into a ricsha, when it swerved sharply and came on top of them. They narrowly escaped being knocked down—it was a matter of inches.

Accused of Being "Cheeky."

Witness went up to the driver with the intention of drawing his attention to the probable serious consequences of such reckless driving, but the driver, according to witness, struck up a belligerent attitude, punched witness in the chest and invited him to "fight." He accused witness of being cheeky.

Questioned by Mr. Russ, witness said that, at this point he called up the Shantung pointsman on duty at the junction, because it was his duty in the first place to call the attention of the police to such dangerous driving.

Mr. Russ suggested what he thought was the correct sequence of developments up to that point, whereupon, witness smilingly said: "My dear Mr. Russ, you can't tell me anything, because I am a barrister myself."

Mr. Russ assured witness that far from venturing to tell Mr. Gonzales anything, he was asking something which Mr. Gonzales might tell the Court. "I want you to assist me, Mr. Gonzales, by just answering briefly my questions."

Whereupon, Mr. Gonzales assured Mr. Russ of his friendly sentiments, expressing the pleasure it would give him (Mr. Gonzales) if Mr. Russ should win his case.

Mr. Russ: I put it to you that you were excited?

Mr. Gonzales: I am never excited. I have a very good temper.

Mr. Russ: I am rather sweet in manner, too.

Answering other questions put by Mr. Russ, witness declared that the car nearly killed the lady, and as for the rickshaman, he did not see him as the poor fellow had gone up Ice House Street.

Pressed on the same question, witness said he did not care about the ricsha. He was concerned only with an incident which gave great provocation, and for which he now had the privilege of seeking redress in a British court of justice. The position for him had differed from what it was four months ago. He could not start a brawl in the street, having regard to his now official position. The same condition prompted him to give his card to the Police.

Full Explanations.

When Mr. Russ again remonstrated over "the very full explanation" which Mr. Gonzales would give to every question, Mr. Gonzales retorted: "Shortly" is no good. It does not explain everything. I will answer any questions you like.

Mr. Russ: Did the rickshaman jump?

Mr. Gonzales: Would you if a car was behind you?

Mr. Russ: I don't know if anyone could be as nervous as that, but in this case did the rickshaman jump?

Mr. Gonzales: He did.

Mr. Russ: Now I have got something.

Mr. Gonzales agreed: Now you have got something, Mr. Russ.

Witness further stated he did not complain to a European sergeant who came on the scene shortly after the incident, but he took the matter to Inspector Alexander.

Mr. Russ: That's right, let us always have the highest official we can get.

On closing his evidence, Mr. Gonzales, said it was with extreme reluctance that he was compelled to take action in the case in view of the great provocation that was offered him.

Senora Paula da Rojas, who was with Mr. Gonzales at the time said the driver stopped at once when called upon to do so by Mr. Gonzales. He reached out of his seat and struck at Mr. Gonzales when the latter went up to remonstrate against the negligent manner in which he drove the car.

Replying to Mr. Russ, witness said that Mr. Gonzales never struck the driver at all. When the pointsman was called up, Mr. Gonzales asked the driver for his license and he produced it.

Constable's Evidence.

Chan Pui-ching, a Shantung constable who was on duty at the traffic post at the junction, said he had given the signal to the defendant to turn round the post when two Europeans, a gentleman and a lady, came up from Ice House Street. Seeing them, the driver immediately stopped his car to let them pass. He was then struck by the gentleman, and there then ensued a row.

Examined by Inspector Alexander, witness said he only noticed one blow struck by Mr. Gonzales, who, with the lady, was then on the west side of the traffic post. The car was about to swerve round the post when it stopped to let the two Europeans pass.

Examined by Mr. Russ, witness said the car was travelling along slowly, and the driver sounded his horn twice. Witness saw no ricsha near the car.

Chan Sheung, the defendant, stated, in examination by Mr. Russ, that he was sent by his master to buy cakes at Lane, Crawford's. He drew up the car on the other side of the street, while he crossed over and went into the Cafe, leaving the car in charge of a friend who was with him.

Witness reiterated the fact that he was unable to buy the cakes, because Lane Crawford had not any at that hour, until rebuked by Mr. Russ, who exclaimed: I, don't care a half-penny whether you had no cakes, or jam or sardines. What I want to know is, what did you do after you returned to the car?

Witness said it was his intention to turn round the post to return to the Dragon Garage. He drove slowly and was already given the signal to pass when the incident with the Europeans occurred.

Inspector Alexander: The constable said he was standing on the east of the post, near the Bank of Canton, and this witness now says that he was standing at his post underneath the lamp.

A "Dancing Bear."

Mr. Russ interposing, said the evidence was that the constable was standing by that post. Mr. Russ referred to the exigencies of a duty which made a traffic pointsman more like a "dancing bear" than anything else.

Inspector Alexander: The witness also said he had not been in any trouble at all. Producing a police record, Inspector Alexander was proceeding to draw his Worship's attention to it, when Mr. Russ interrupted, saying: I am surprised that a responsible officer like Inspector Alexander should put in such trivial convictions.

Inspector Alexander argued that it was put in in cross-examination of a statement made in evidence.

His Worship upheld the objection.

In his closing statement for the defence, Mr. Russ said that it was ever a difficult matter after an accident to express in exact terms of footage, the respective distances of the cars or persons involved. In that respect, it was rather treated like a chess problem in which after the accident, everybody who had to do with the case, had five hours in which to consider the next move.

The only independent evidence had been given by a policeman, and that evidence had the greater weight when instead of going against the defendant, it was entirely in his favour.

Major Willson: I agree with the evidence of P. C. D. 115 as being conclusive. I cannot convict the driver.

The summons being dismissed, Mr. Russ informed his Worship that under the circumstances, he would not proceed with the counter-charge of assault, which would be withdrawn.

GRAIN SHORTAGE.

SOVIET SPECIAL COMMISSION TO ENFORCE COLLECTION.

Riga, Sept. 17.

A Soviet special commission has been appointed to prosecute officials who do not obey government instructions for the collection of grain. The Soviet press, referring to the collapse of the grain supply, says that the idea of exporting grain this winter must be dropped.—*Reuter.*

MORRISON HILL.

CLEARED AREA BEING SOLD AT AUCTIONS.

A land sale of considerable interest took place yesterday at the offices of the Public Works Department, when an area of 4,200 square feet of land on that portion of Morrison Hill between Leighton Hill Road and the Monument was sold at eight dollars a square foot.

The plan which was attached to the particulars and conditions of sale indicated the position of the lot, as midway between the Monument and the old houses at present standing on Morrison Hill Road. The purchasers of the site are the Tsung Tsin General Association, the price paid being $33,600.

According to the conditions of sale a sum of $30,000 is to be spent for building purposes on the site within twenty four months, and the lot is sold on condition that it will not be used for buildings of a Chinese tenement type.

It is learned that a similar area on a site adjoining the one which was sold yesterday was auctioned at the P. W. D. Offices in June last. The upset price was then $25,200, which represented $6 a square foot, but after brisk bidding the figure of $52,700 was reached, which works out at $12.55 a square foot.

An area comprising 20,000 square feet situated at the junction of Broadwood Road and New Road was sold yesterday at the upset price of $6,590, Messrs. Palmer and Turner buying in the lot on behalf of a client. One of the conditions of sale is that no less than $20,000 is to be spent on the site within two years and that the purchaser will not be allowed to erect any buildings on the lot other than houses of a European type.

A farmer by the name of Mow Tam signed as purchaser on behalf of one Mow Lin, for the purchase of 3,600 square feet of land in Taitam Village at a cost of $216. No buildings of any description other than one storey (not exceeding fifteen feet) Chinese village type houses will be allowed on the Lot. The sum of $1,500 in rateable improvements is to be spent on the site within 18 calendar months.

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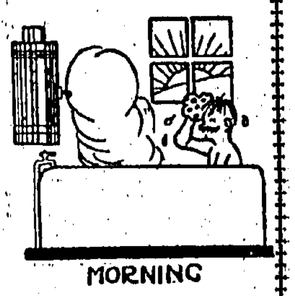

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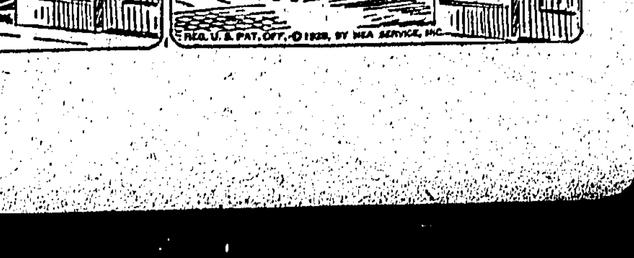

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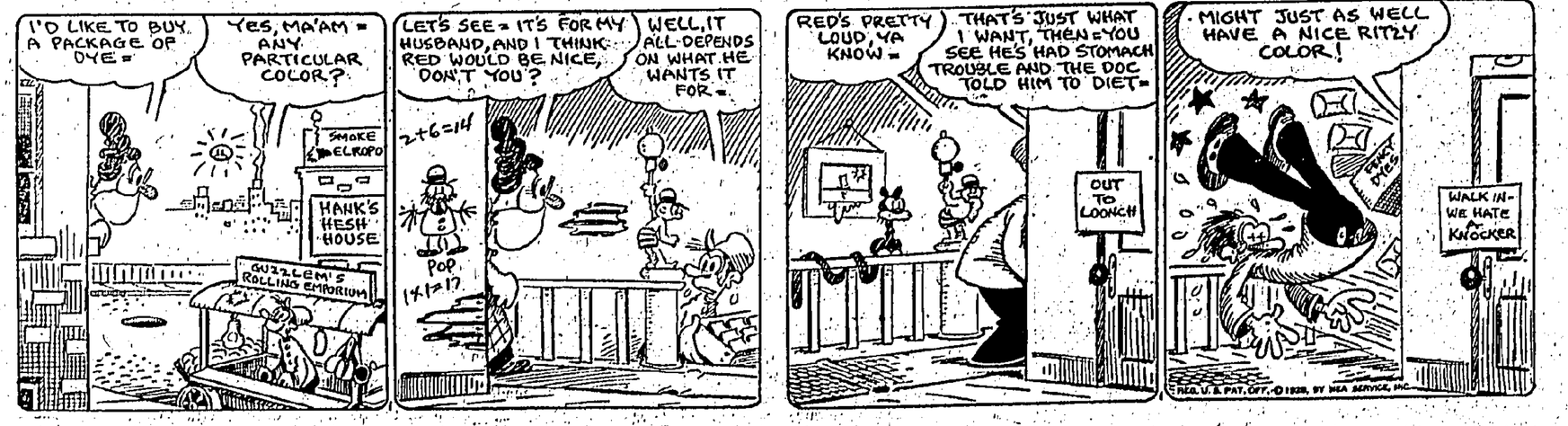


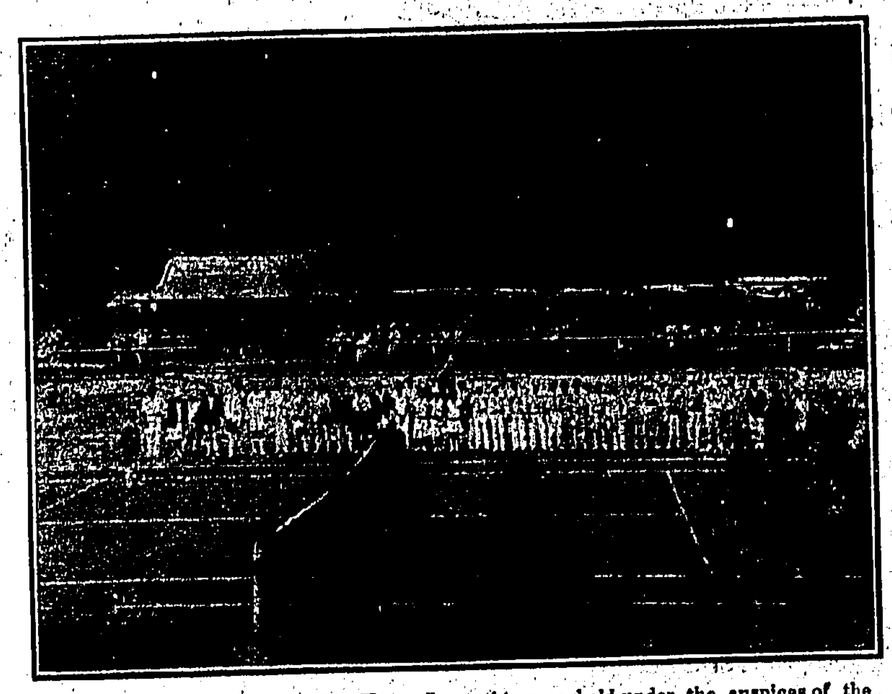
At the Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai recently Miss Isobel Helene Spottiswoode of Shanghai was married to Mr. Philip Stephen Furry. The bridal attire and that of the little train-bearer were in medieval style making a very attractive picture. The newly wedded couple are spending their honeymoon in Japan.

The main entrance, on Avenue Joffre, Shanghai of the recently built Convent of the Sacred Heart, which is conducted by the nuns of this order as a day and boarding school. The building, which is in modern French style, is capable of accommodating over 300 children.

Some foreign visitors on a trip from Unzen where they are spending a holiday to the beach at Katsusa near Obama.

Picture taken at the bay at Katsusa, near Obama, where many foreign visitors mostly youthful, are staying for the delightful bathing.

Dr. T. C. Fong and Miss Sophia Lee, daughter of Mr. Y. C. Lee, who were married in Shanghai. The bride was dressed, as seen in the photo, in the height of fashion.



The annual tennis tournament at Unzen Japan this year, held under the auspices of the Unzen Tennis Club included many interesting competitions, among which was an exhibition tournament by Messrs. K Kumagae and T. Harada.

The longing to go back to childhood's innocent and happy days gets too much for some of us every once in a while and so we, too, play at make-believe. As shown by the laughing faces in the picture above, a rousing good time was had at the "Kid Party" at the Columbia Country Club Shanghai recently.

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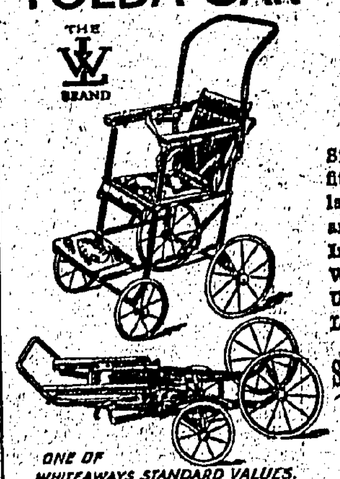

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The annual meeting of members of the Kowloon Football Club, will be held at the Club House, Chatham Road, on MONDAY, September 24th, at 6 p.m.

A. W. EASTMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Sept. 12th, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 6th and on Monday 8th October, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 22nd September.

NOTICE.

At the request of Mr. Mathieu, Public Notary at Saigon, the undersigned, Acting-Chancellor of the French Consulate in Hongkong, informs those whom it may concern that the sale of s.s. "Hwah Cheng" has been agreed upon between the owners, the South China Steamship Company of Shanghai, and the buyers, the Firm of Yee Cheong & Co., of Saigon.

Should any person have any claim or liens of such a nature as to prevent or obstruct the sale or postpone the payment of the purchase money, they are requested to make or produce the same within fourteen days from the date of this notice, at the office of the French Consulate in Hongkong, Alexandra Building, Top Floor, Room No. 28.

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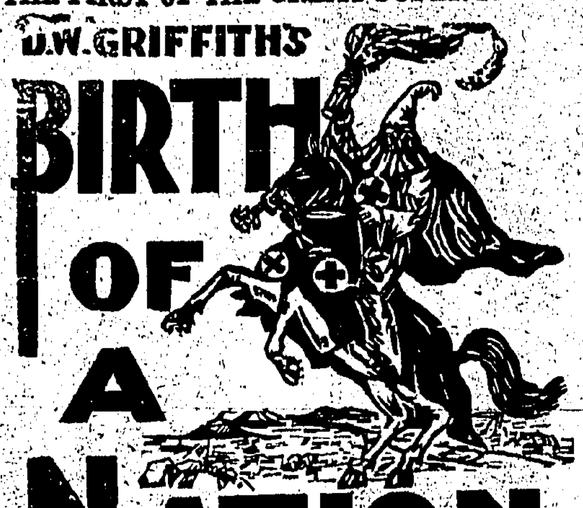

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SWEDISH ELECTIONS.

CONSERVATIVES MAKE A SMALL GAIN.

Stockholm, Sept. 17.

The elections for the second chamber of the Riksdag, held all over the country during the week-end, show that the Conservatives gained eight seats, the Social Democrats lost thirteen, while there were other small turnovers of party strength. The party strengths up to now are Social Democrats 83, Conservatives 67, Peoples Party 27, Peasants 26, Communists 6, and Liberals 3.

The City of Stockholm will elect its representatives on the 21st to fill the other enghteen vacancies. —*Reuter.*

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COLONY REVENUE ESTIMATE.

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A sum of $41,000 is set aside for a new Printing Shop at Victoria Gaol, including new motors, wiring and switch gear. The Printing Department of the Gaol is at present unable to comply with Government requirements. The proposals will overcome this defect and ensure the more efficient working of the Department.

Road Development.

Regarding communications, a sum of $30,000 is estimated for the road from Causeway Bay to Quarry Bay. This vote is for a short section of the above road that it has been found necessary to construct in order that the Building Covenants on certain lots may be complied with. The tramway will be diverted to the new alignment.

A sum of $75,000 is set aside for the Tai Hang Development Road construction. This vote is for the amount of work that it is anticipated can be undertaken on this road in 1929. On account of private development in the Tai Hang valley it is now necessary to continue the construction of the road.

A sum of $75,000 is estimated for road improvements from Stubbs Road to Victoria Hospital, of which $30,000 is expected to be spent next year. This vote is required for cutting away corners widening and improving the present path in order to provide reasonable motor access to the Hospital.

For the improvement of Garden Road at its junction with Queen's Road East Corner, a sum of $6,000 is ear-marked. This improvement will be on land, acquired from the War Office, and will admit of a broader improved sweep from Queen's Road at the entrance into Garden Road.

Happy Valley Nullah.

On a total of $200,000, a sum of $70,000 is to be asked for next year in respect of the nullah in front of the Jockey Club stand at Happy Valley. This vote is required to complete the enlargement of the portion of the nullah running through the Jockey Club premises and the recreation grounds.

A new garage for the P.W.D. Store at Wood Road is expected to cost $16,000. This is required, owing to the necessity of removing the garage from its present temporary site on the Praya East Reclamation. The transfer of P.W.D. workshops to Wood Road is expected to cost $70,000.

A sum of $10,000 is wanted for removal of the C.D.I. Office, etc., at Police Headquarters. The proposal is to sub divide two of the large dormitories on the top floor of the New Block into offices for the C.D.I. and sundry other alterations to the old Building in order to adapt it for Dormitory accommodation.

The installation of turbines and pump at Bowen Road filter beds is represented by a sum of $20,000. It is explained that this is an economical method of raising water to the higher levels which will reduce the amount of water to be pumped at the Pokfulum Road Pumping Station, thus saving fuel costs (coal).

New principal water mains in the city are expected to cost $20,000. This will effect a general improvement of the distribution system.

Kowloon Votes.

Turning to Kowloon, under buildings we find a total estimate of $100,000 for a new Government Store at Hunghom, of which one-half will be spent next year. This work is considered necessary for the efficient handling of Government stores.

Extensions to married quarters at the Kowloon Fire Station are expected to cost $9,500.

There is a sum of $208,000 set apart for Maternity Block, site formation and building at the Kowloon Hospital, for which $60,000 is required next year. This is regarded as a very necessary extension of the hospital.

Playground and Roads.

It is intended to lay out as a children's playground an area at the junction of Chatham and Salisbury Roads, for which is sum of $30,000 is provided. This very desirable work has been asked for by the Kowloon Residents' Association.

A total sum of $260,000 is estimated for improving portions of Salisbury and Nathan Roads. This is to meet the requirements of heavy and fast-moving motor traffic. It is expected to spend $50,000 on this work next year.

The Chatham Road extension is to be proceeded with. On a total of $244,000 already estimated, $50,000 is set aside for next year.

New ferry piers are to be erected at Mong Kok Tsui, Shamshuipo, etc., at a cost of $150,000 on two of these for the coming year.

Kowloon City market extension, asked for by the Sanitary Department, is to cost $15,000.

Married quarters at the Lai Chi Kok Prison are estimated to cost $67,000. These are considered very desirable by the Superintendent of Prisons.

Kowloon Tong.

There are various votes in respect of Kowloon Tong, one of which, for $20,000, will improve the existing roads for motor traffic from Prince Edward and Argyle Street extensions, and another of $16,000 for a central connecting stream from the east side of the Estate to the main nullah. This is to prevent silting and to protect areas which have recently been filled in.

A sum of $20,000 is to be provided for filtered water supply to Dairy Farm Lots at Diamond Hill.

Taipo Road bridge improvement, at 13¾ miles, is to cost $30,000. This bridge will cross the ravine and cut out the very sharp bend and bridge at the first turning past Chek Nai Ping.

Under charitable services, the grant to St. Lewis Industrial School, for pauper children, is to be increased from $600 to $4,800; whilst a new grant is made of $2,000 for the Boy Scouts and Girl Guide Associations.

Supplementary Votes.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will be asked to approve items of supplementary expenditure totalling $826,429 at Thursday's meeting.

The largest items are $444,000 for aerodrome and harbour development, which amount is to be recovered from a future loan, and $163,000 which is required to meet the cost of the temporary exchange compensation for civil servants on Sterling basis.

Other votes include the following:

Installation of hot water system, enamelling furniture and other renewals at Mountain Lodge, $18,350. A new boiler house is to cost $12,000.

The completion of the Eastern Filter Beds, which have cost $523,340 to date, requires a vote of $15,000 to meet the final payment under the contract. $10,000 of the sum is to be met from savings.

Police entered a house at Crossways, Barn Hill, Wembley Park, and found an elderly woman, believed to be a Mrs. Shead, dead in a sitting posture. Close by was a wireless loud speaker full on, although medical opinion is that the woman had been dead for several days.

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When You Are Not There.

If you would form an idea of how loyal to you in your absence any other woman is, notice how she discusses with you some third friend. Don't lose faith in her merely because she speaks of another person's faults. We cannot talk about each other without reference to our failures, and life would be dull indeed were human nature never discussed. Other people's faults may be spoken of sympathetically, with a real wish that they shall not hamper progress; they may even be exclaimed against in a fit of exasperation, all without disloyalty.

Reflective Criticism.

But beware of the woman who starts a train of criticism in an apparently reflective manner, and lets it wander on unguardedly, deepening all the time in its vague and cowardly implications. Be wisely and kindly reticent with one who would involve you in expressing opinions concerning the absent which you have no purpose in expressing. Sometimes it is a great and a legitimate relief to "talk over" a friend with another friend, but you must both be absolutely certain of your own and each other's fundamental good will towards her. Otherwise there is treachery in such talks.

The Woman to Trust.

Therefore, do not place confidence in the woman who criticises in your hearing the actions of an alleged "great friend" of hers who is but little known to you. However charming she is otherwise, however much she seemed to like you, to understand you, to wish to know you, you must remember that she is lacking at any rate in the finer shades of loyalty. Accept her with reservations.

Perhaps the woman to trust most implicitly alike for her faithfulness, her tact and her good sense is the one who says very little about her friends till such time as you and she have reached sure understanding, and who, even then tends towards leaving you to form your own impressions.

Started in Los Angeles, this bob, originated by Greta Garbo, has become the newest fad. The hair is cut straight about three-quarter length, then curled. Greta herself is shown here in three poses.

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REGARDLESS OF STYLE, CLOTHES SHOULD EXPRESS A PERSONALITY.

"There should be no drastic seasonal changes in styles for the woman who knows her own type."

Natacha Rambova, wife of the late Rudolph Valentino, made this statement. Miss Rambova, in her new shop, creates personality costuming.

Rambova

"Study your type. Your clothes should express your personality or they cannot possibly do you justice," she asserted.

"Some women make themselves negative by not bringing out a certain delicate colouring, a finely chiselled profile, or some other individual asset they possess.

"One woman might wear best the type of costume that was in vogue during the Crusades. If it is perfect for her, all of her frocks and gowns can get the key to their style from it. Fabrics change. So do colours. But if a style is just the right one for a woman, she never should wander far from it.

"Colours have tremendous meaning. I argue one can read character by knowing a person's colour likes and dislikes. But colour should be subordinated to other things. Line, cut and style must suit one's type of features and build. Then the right colour puts the emphasis on an already lovely thing."

Cushion Covers.

GAYEST AND BRIGHTEST OF COLOURS.

The vogue for colour in furnishings has resulted in banishing cushion covers in embroidered muslin and similar fabrics from our rooms. And to take their place, linen and washing silks in the gayest and brightest of colours are seen.

One very charming set of cushions was of linen in three shades of rose, and when arranged on a cretonne covered chesterfield the effect was very good. First came a pale rose cushion, then a deeper toned one, and one in a deep damask red. All three were large as cushions must be nowadays, and exactly alike in size, with two inch or so hems extending beyond the edge of the cushion. This edge was defined by a very simple design in cross-stitching carried out in cream colour.

Striped Covers Favoured.

Striped covers are also favoured for cushions. For such British silks can be had in most attractive coloured stripes beautifully blended and the plain colours are equally lovely, and may be combined with the striped designs very successfully. A very effective idea is to have one side of the cushion made of striped silk cut on the bias, and the other of plain silk. As for instance a cushion cover (or of course a set) could be pink and mauve and pale lemon striped, with the reverse side in any one of these three colours.

One pretty cover had a twelve-inch square of plain silk in the centre and a striped border, the other side being made from the plain silk. Such covers are very simply made to fit the cushion and with no extending hems. A few press studs provide the fastenings.

The cover must be large enough to allow the cushion to slip in easily—cut about three-quarters of an inch more than the cushion measurements to allow for seams.

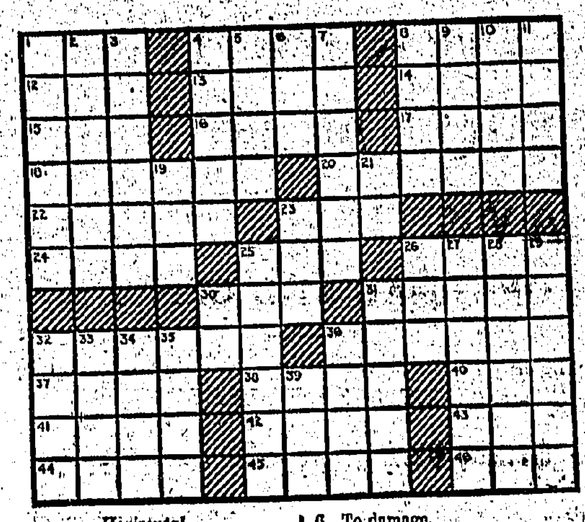
New Handbags.

Inspired by a seventeenth century design, which was approved in the Louis XV. period, the new handbags are made of seed pearls and silk embroidery so wonderfully wrought that the surface has an appearance slightly suggesting lichen. Only when closely examined is the craftsmanship properly appreciated; the bags are, of course, hand-made.

Delicate Designs.

In purse, envelope, or pochette shapes, they make most acceptable presents, for they strike a really new note, and their subdued charm is sure to please. Some of the bags have hasps of turquoise or cornelian, which make an effective contrast to the pearly colourings of the bags themselves. The silk embroidery is of the most delicate both in design and colour.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

1 Drone bee.
4 Collection of tents.
8 Portion of a rachet wheel.
12 Frozen dessert.
13 A body in the shape of an ellipse.
14 Region.
15 Substance made from chicle.
16 Bare.
17 To cause to droop.
18 One who runs away and marries.
20 Historical records.
22 Flavour.
23 Habit.
24 An allowance of four pounds of extra weight for waste.
25 Part of verb to be.
26 Rowan tree.
30 To be victorious.
31 More ashen.
32 Ranges of hills.
36 Inducement.
37 Smell.
38 To glance.
40 Promise.
41 Os.
42 Gaelic.
43 To piece out.
44 Killed.
45 Groups of matching articles.
46 Scarlet.

Vertical

1 To convert food into absorbable form.
2 Visual.
3 To displace.
4 An arrival.
5 To justify.
6 To damage.
7 To be agreeable.
8 Something left as a security.
9 Melody.
10 Shaft sunk to obtain oil or gas.
11 Upright shafts.
19 Cooking utensil.
21 Point of compass.
23 Pitcher.
25 Paths between tiers of seats in a theatre.
26 Perched.
27 Small tilt hammer.
28 To abolish.
29 Concocted.
30 You and I.
31 Prods with a pointed implement.
32 Steals.
33 Icon.
34 Finished.
35 Thrived.
36 Greatest in degree.
39 Native metal.

Saturday's Solution.

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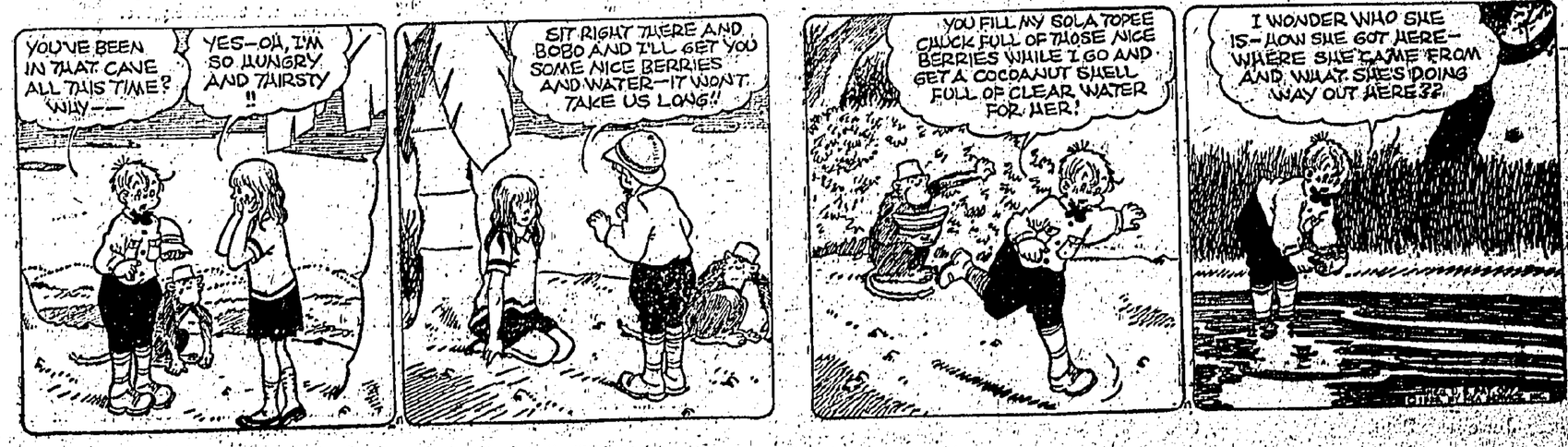

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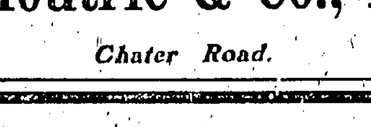

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 18, 1928.

THE BUDGET OUTLOOK.

The financial position of the Colony will be fully explained in the Legislative Council on Thursday, when the Budget is to be introduced. At the moment of writing, we have only before us the estimate of expenditure for the coming year, but even this scanty material is sufficient to permit the drawing of certain conclusions of a satisfactory character. The total outgoings for 1929 are expected to absorb over $24,000,000, which is, in relation to the past two years, so modest a sum that we may assume there will be no call for fresh taxation, the more so since revenue has for the current year been flowing in so freely that the estimate for 1928 is likely to be considerably exceeded. It is too early in the day yet to say what the actual expenditure for the present year will be, but it is not likely to reach the estimate of more than $22,000,000, if we are to judge by the statistics already published. For the year ended December 31st last, the total disbursements were $20,845,064, on an estimate of well over $22,000,000, whilst for the year previous to that a sum of more than $23,000,000 was absorbed. The estimate for 1929 has no doubt been framed on the basis of expectations calculated from the outgoings of the portion of 1928 already expired, and they may be taken as somewhat approximating the amount which will be spent. There is one aspect of the appropriations which reflects the improved outlook of the Colony, namely, the largely increased sum which is being ear-marked for public works. We have to go back to 1926 to find a figure anywhere near the amount now set aside for this purpose. Taking all three P.W.D. headings, we find that the total spent in 1926 was $7,791,000. Then in the following year it shrunk to $5,818,000, whilst the 1928 estimate was $4,541,572. The new total to be asked for is $6,758,552. Compared with the current year, there is an estimated increase of nearly a million dollars for Public Works Extraordinary—a circumstance which betokens a welcome intention of pushing on with some of the works which have been held in abeyance during the "economy" period.

Coming to the revenue side, it is interesting to recall that for the years ended December 31st last, the actual income was $21,344,535, which was more than two lakhs above the estimate. For the current year, the sum originally anticipated was $20,103,890, but once again the estimate should prove to be on the conservative side, as, up to the end of May close on nine and three-quarter million dollars had been brought to account. There has, indeed, been a most welcome revival of income latterly, and we see no reason for thinking that the prospects will be less bright for the year ahead. We have, however, still a long way to go before we get back to the rosy financial conditions prevailing in pre-strike days, when, besides a substantial credit balance on working, Government investments stood at quite a high figure. The happenings of 1925 played havoc with our finances, as is well known, but we can now look back on those events with a feeling that the storm has been bravely weathered and with a reasonable hope of fair conditions ahead. Some time in the future, however, there will be heavy calls on our resources, especially in connexion with the Colony's water supply, but when it comes to huge public undertakings of this character, recourse can always be had to loans, which is the only fair and equitable manner of financing projects the full benefits of which will not be felt for some years to come.

The Rhineland.

Although at an earlier stage of the discussions the task seemed well-nigh hopeless, Lord Cushendun's efforts to bridge the differences between the German and French viewpoints regarding the evacuation of the Rhineland have been successful. The Allied Powers have agreed that Germany may open official negotiations in the near future, while it has also been accepted that a complete and definite settlement of the reparations problem is essential. It has never been implied that there is any logical connexion between the two problems, but as the compromise has revealed, the delegates found it impossible to make progress in one direction without taking the other into consideration. It is early to suggest that the Geneva conversations have opened the road to the final pacification of Europe, but on the other hand, Herr Mueller's complaint that nothing definite has been done is not well-founded. The German Chancellor must exercise a little more patience, though we sympathise with him in his anxiety to see the Armies of Occupation on the march. The chances of European concord and harmony, of Franco-German co-operation and understanding should be brighter to-day than for years past, and Germany should be well satisfied with the ground covered. A friendly attitude manifested itself throughout the discussions, and M. Briand was most conciliatory, himself suggesting that the Commission of Verification which is to be set up should not be of a military character. We think Lord Cushendun has chosen the easiest line to the solution of the problems involved, in suggesting the evacuation of the Second Zone quickly as evidence of Allied goodwill, the settlement of the reparations problem, and then consideration of the evacuation of the Third Zone. This appears to set things down in their logical sequence. Germany must not expect too much. It is obvious that the whole programme can be completed in a relatively short time if the right spirit is brought to bear, and if the true perspective is not hidden by carping criticism. The sooner Germany begins to appreciate the other side of the question, the sooner will she realise her aspirations. Meanwhile, it is pleasing to find Lord Cushendun emphasising Britain's attitude regarding Europe's financial commitments, that we are not prepared to accept less than we are required to pay to America. British subjects universally will also echo the sentiment that any appeal to the United States regarding the British war debt must not be suggested or implied.

Following the seizure on Sunday night of a large consignment of small arms by Revenue Officers on an unoccupied native boat at Cheungshawan, Chief Preventive Officer Clark made a formal application before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning for the confiscation of 246 automatic pistols and 23,793 rounds of ammunition. His Worship made the necessary order.

DAY BY DAY.

WHERE SECRECY OR MYSTERY BEGINS, VICE OR ROUGUERY IS NOT FAR OFF.—*Johnson.*

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The Ben Line s.s. Benavon, from Home, Straits and Philippines ports, is due here on the 23rd instant.

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The Empress of Russia, which left from Hongkong on the 29th August, 1928, arrived at Vancouver on the 15th September 1928.

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The motor vessel Javanese Prince, from New York and Keelung, reports encountering a typhoon in the vicinity of Shanghai.

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The s.s. Kong So, ex-Chuen Chow, will probably not sail for Wuchow until the week-end, as surveys will not be completed until that time.

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that——

Unofficial Justices of the Peace at one time assisted the Magistrates in Court?

The system was devised by Sir George Bonham and in 1855 Sir John Bowring appointed thirteen Unofficial Justices of the Peace, subsequently increased to fifteen, to help the Magistrates at what were then known as Petty Sessions.

These J. P's did not attend Sessions unless specially sent for and the Chief Magistrates as a rule only called on them when he had difficulties with the Executive.

In 1856, the Governor remonstrated with the Chief Magistrate (Mr. T. W. Davies) with regard to his interpretation of the new Building Ordinance in cases of encroachment on Crown land. The Magistrate thereupon sent for the J. P.'s in a case in which the Crown prosecuted, and the latter, representing the interest of house-owners, emphatically agreed with the Magistrate's interpretation.

The Governor then addressed a severe remonstrance to the J. P.'s, blaming them for habitually neglecting their duties in not regularly attending the Sessions and censuring them for supporting the Magistrate in his determination not to give effect to the law.

The dispute culminated in a public meeting, at which there was criticism at the exclusion of the public from the Legislative Council and of the absence of a Municipal Council. The Governor promised to reconstruct the Council, and in 1858 the public was permitted to attend its meetings.

Captain McN. Thompson has been re-appointed to s.s. Sanning as, from to-day *vice* Captain T. Jones, having made an excellent recovery from a fractured leg received a month ago.

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A thief who broke into Mrs. J. Viderio's house yesterday morning at No 96 Nathan Road, took away some tea and butter together with loose change. The total value of the theft is placed at $10.70.

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To-day is the anniversary of the big typhoon of 1906, which did tremendous damage to shipping and property and resulted in the loss of many lives, including that of the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Hoare).

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and the same number of departures, of which three and five respectively were British, leaving 56 vessels in harbour, British 20. Tonnage was better, but inward freights were generally low.

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An elderly Chinese was knocked down and fatally injured by a Sanitary Department lorry in Canton Road, Kowloon, near the Naval Yard, shortly after ten o'clock this moning. One of the wheels passed completely over the man's body.

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A ship's fitter, twenty five years of age, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to his head, caused by a shackle which feel on him whilst he was working on board the R.F.A. Lithunia, lying in the Naval Camber.

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The third Promenade Concert to be arranged this season by the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps will take place at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday evening, when the Band of the 1st. Batt. The Queen's Royal Regiment will (by kind permission of Lieut.—Col. H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers) discourse a programme of popular music. In addition, vocal items will be rendered, and the concert promises to be fully up to the standard of its predecessors.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve, orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held on Tuesday, September 18th and 25th at 6 p.m. sharp. All members of the Chinese and Indian Companies, and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course must attend.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies, and of the Flying Squad will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, September 20th at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sergeant Condon. Dress—Mufti.

Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constable R37 Chun Kwon Chee is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony and upon completing one full year's service with effect from September 17th.

Constable R92 W. S. Zons has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from September 13th.

Training.—Constable R66 Lawrence S. Y. Wong has passed his examination in Part 2 of Training Course (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations).

All advanced men of the Chinese Company will attend at the Central Police Station on Thursday, September 20th at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Rifle Exercises, Extended Order and Baton Drill under Sergeant Condon. Dress—Mufti; Rifle, Belt, Side-arms, and Truncheon to be carried.

Indian Company.

All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Central Police Station for Drill under Sergeant Condon on Tuesday, September 25th. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. An inspection of uniform and other equipment will also be made by the Company Commander at this parade. Dress—White Uniform, cap with white cover, belt, truncheon, whistle, armlet, "Pocket Policeman" and note book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will come prepared to check off the equipment.

Flying Squad.

Training.—The following members of the Flying Squad have passed their examination in Part 2 of Training Course (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations):—Constables R309 Robert Young, R305 Lo Shiu Wah, and R343 Mok Fung Yee.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, September 18th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, September 20th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Shareshooters' Company.

Equipment.—All members of the Company who have not yet sent in their equipment forms to the O. i/c, are requested to do so as soon as possible.

(Sgd.) W. Kent, A. S. P.
Adjutant.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Sept. 17.

Paris	124.20
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.09
Berlin	20.86
Copenhagen	18.10
Vienna	34.42½
Helsingfors	192¾
Lisbon	107¾
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Rio	5 29/32
Shanghai	2/7
Yokohama	1/10¾
New York	4.85 3/32
Geneva	25.20
Milan	92.80
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.19
Prague	163¾
Madrid	29.27½
Athens	375
Bucharest	797½
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	1/11⅞
Silver (spot)	26 1/16
Silver (forwad)	26 3/16

—British Wireless.

Furniture to the extent of $128 was obtained from the T'sui Lee furniture shop of 65 Praya East some time ago by a Chinese who represented himself as a foki of a furniture dealer who had to meet certain urgent orders. It was not until yesterday when the victimised shop sent their shroff that the trick was exposed.

The Very Idea!

The prison at Melun in France was burgled recently and the safe containing the end of month's salaries of warders and police-carried off. The thieves, who evidently possessed audacity, as well as a strong sense of humour, made their escape by car, and have not yet been discovered. The safe, with 150,000 francs and a number of important documents missing, was later found abandoned in a field four and a half miles away.

The robbery was discovered at six-thirty next morning by a policeman leaving the prison. He noticed the street lamp had been destroyed in front of the prison, and, stopping to investigate, found that three bars were missing from a second storey window. Thinking that one of the prisoners had made an escape, he gave the alarm, and, accompanied by the prison governor and a chief warder, made his way to the office on the second floor which was used by the secretarial staff.

Nothing suspicious was discovered, but when the three men visited the neighbouring room they were astounded to find that the safe had gone.

A rapid inquiry showed that the thieves, who are believed to have been three in number, first stole a ladder from a house being built nearby. Then, having smashed the lamp so that they could not be seen, they sawed through one of the bars, climbed into the room, and pulled away the two bars by sheer strength. The heavy safe was partly dragged, partly carried, to the window and allowed to slide down the ladder, with the aid of cords, into a waiting car.

Apart from the prints of bare feet discovered in the office, the police possess a detailed description of the men concerned. A man watched them steal the ladder, but did not give the alarm, as he imagined that they were merely engaged in an amorous adventure. They are believed to be prisoners recently released.

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The retired officer had been endeavouring to entertain his pretty partner with all the details of some event or other in his past life.

As course followed course the windy tale went on till, in triumphant tones, he concluded, "And so, you see, I was vindicated at last."

"How thrilling!" said the listener, smothering a yawn. "I suppose they made you wear a red tape on your arm until the swelling went down."

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The young Australian is seldom at a loss for an answer, even when distinctly hazy about the facts of the case. Recently, while the Nine Royal Samoans, who are appearing at the Tivoli Theatre, were visiting the Central Practising School, Leichhardt-street, the head master (Mr. F. Cecil Thompson) asked a class if they knew where the visitors came from. There was a pause, and then one young hopeful, fixing his eye on the grass skirts of the visitors' native costume, made the plunge: "Scotland, sir," was the surprising answer. There was one more sophisticated lad, however. "Please, sir, I know," he said eagerly. "The Tiv.!"

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Solicitor at Bow County Court: Could you really say that you and your husband do not quarrel in the house? Wife: Not really.

Solicitor at Willesden: My case will last just one second. (It occupied a quarter of an hour). The next solicitor: My case will last one minute; and when I say it. I mean it. (It lasted less than a minute.)

Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone magistrate, taking a constable to task for using long words: "Creating a disturbance" is very impressive, but it is not explicit. Much better say how he was creating a disturbance.

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Wasps are the fellows
Who sport Fair Isle jumpers (mostly yellows),
And waists
Too constricted for modern tastes,
A wasp in the house
Causes almost as much commotion as a mouse,
For the average wasp is a "dasher"
And a "gate-crasher"....
For example, when there's tea in the garden,
He butts in, and never dreams of saying, "Pardon!"
Then he crawls
Round the rim of the jam-pot till he falls
Into the sticky depths, where he proceeds to cram
And gorge, until he drowns in jam....
His life
May be mostly strife,
For he stings as long as he has breath,
But—how sweet is his death!

SEQUEL TO "SUI TAI" FIRE.

CHINESE WINE DEALER IS PROSECUTED.

WRONG PARTICULARS?

The recent fire on the s.s. Sui Tai was recalled when, at the Central Police Court this morning, a summons was proceeded with against the licensee of the Hang Lam Chong wines and spirits shop, No. 2, Koshing Street, for furnishing allegedly incorrect particulars in an applichtion for a removal permit in respect of 150 jars of Chinese wines which were to have been transhipped from the Sui Tai to the s.s. Nam Sang, for Singapore.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defendant.

Prosecuting for the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins said that on August 24, the defendant took out an exports statement for 135 jars of *sam ching* and 15 jars of *leung ching*, two kinds of native wines. Later in the day, it was cancelled on account of the fire which broke out aboard the Sui Tai.

Spirits Found.

After the fire, officers of the Imports and Exports Office boarded the Sui Tai and found certain jars, which were not destroyed by the flames, to contain spirits of wines. The case for the Department was that all the 150 jars in the consignment contained spirits of wines, and the defendant was now being proceeded with on the charge that he provided incorrect particulars in stating in his application for a removal permit that the jars contained Chinese wines.

Mr. Hawkins handed in the permit, as well as the boat's manifest.

Mr. Lo said he would admit the manifest without the formality of proving it, while making a reservation in the submission that it did not prove that only 150 jars were on board.

His Worship held that the document was relevant to the extent that if it proved anything, it had proved that 150 jars were on board.

Dutiable Cargo.

Chief Preventive Officer Clark said he was present at the fire, and subsequently when the Sui Tai had been towed to Kowloon Dock, he boarded it with a party of Revenue officers for the purpose of salving dutiable cargo.

A large number of jars were found in the afterpart of the ship. Some of them were cracked, or partially broken, and he broke them and let the contents run into the harbour. He did this to prevent a recurrence of the fire. Those jars which had escaped damage by fire and were intact he had removed into a junk and taken to his office. Of these, 25 large and two small, had been salved.

Witness also retrieved 48 large bungs corresponding to the jars taken to his office.

No Case?

After a tallyman on the Sui Tai had given evidence of the shipment of the wine at Macao, Mr. M. K. Lo submitted that the prosecution had not made out a case for his client to answer. In doing so, Mr. Lo said he relied on two points. Mr. Lo explained that the permit which was obtained by the department was in respect of removal of wine from the ship to another ship. Mr. Lo suggested that the Ordinance did not provide for that, and that the form required by the law was in respect of removal from bonded warehouses to ships. The Imports and Exports Department, without authority, had altered the form to read from one ship to another ship, and Mr. Lo submitted that his client was not required by the law to obtain the particular form of permit on which the summons arose.

Mr. Lo's second submission was that there was no evidence to show that his clients knew what the contents of the jars were. He pointed out to the Court the possibility of conspiracy between the dealers at Macao and the ultimate consignees who were in Singapore.

Mr. Hawkins, replying, said that he agreed with Mr. Lo as regards the technical objections raised over the form of permit. As regards the second submission, he stated that spirits of wine came from Java and any Singapore firm wanting to buy would not purchase through Macao.

His Worship decided to adjourn the case to consider the points raised by Mr. Lo. The decision will be announced on Saturday.

Mr. Lo indicated that in view of probable civil action, he would not put his client in the witness box even if this Worship decided that there was a case to answer.

Among 163 Sandhurst cadets who have qualified for commissions is the 19-year-old Earl of Aylesford.

TAXES FOR CANTON GOVERNMENT.

CHINESE BRINGS CLAIM FOR COLLECTION.

INTERESTING CASE.

A claim for $1,000 for work done in collecting taxes for the Canton Government was heard in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jacks, when Mr. C. A. S. Russ caused some amusement by remarking, after objecting to the admission of a document because it was not stamped, that he was bound to bring to his Lordship's notice anything that deprived the Colony of revenue.

The plaintiff, Ching Po-cheung, medicine dealer, of the Nam Pak Hong, sued Lee Kwong-yip, No. 41, Des Voeux Road West, for $1,000, as money paid to the use of and on behalf of the defendant.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada was for the plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ conducted the case for the defence.

Employed as Sub-Officer.

Mr. D'Almada explained that the defendant might have been an officer of the Canton Government or he might have had the monopoly from the Government for the collection of taxes. However, he employed the plaintiff as a sub-officer for the purpose of collecting taxes in Kingchow and Ngaichow, Hoihow.

The plaintiff went to those places, but in November, last year, he was re-called by the defendant and was ordered to close the branch office at Hoihow and to bring back to Hongkong all account books and papers. In the meantime, the plaintiff had made disbursements in the form of wages. However, he returned to Hongkong with his accounts, which he had made on behalf of the defendant. He rendered them to the defendant who gave an ackpowledgment in which were words meaning that he had to get his partners to verify the account before paying it. Mr. D'Almada added that they knew of no other partners, as the plaintiff was engaged solely by the defendant.

Jurisdiction Point.

His Lordship asked whether the case was within the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. D'Almada replied in the affirmative, saying that the defendant had appeared and had submitted himself to the jurisdiction of the Court. He further pointed out that the plaintiff was appointed in Hongkong, he had rendered accounts to the defendant in Hongkong, and if the defendant wanted to claim the Court had no jurisdiction, he should have entered an appearance under protest.

Mr. Russ said that the defendant saw a notice in the newspapers with regard to the case as a result of which he actually came to Hongkong to contest the matter and had submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. D'Almada commented that he had written several letters to the defendant by whom they had been received in Hongkong. "He knew very well of the intended case," added Mr. D'Almada.

Plaintiff's Evidence.

Giving evidence, the plaintiff said that he was engaged in May last year by the defendant, whom he (plaintiff) represented when collecting the taxes. He was recalled in November and up to that time he had made certain disbursements. An order was received from the head office which stated that accounts must be completely wound up within three days and stated that severe punishment would be meted out if there was any delay.

Mr. Russ pointed out that the order used the word "We," which probably meant the Government.

When Mr. D'Almada attempted to put in the acknowledgement, Mr. Russ objected on the ground that it was not stamped. "It is a receipt, an acknowledgement of indebtedness, and all sorts of things, and it has'nt got a stamp," he said.

Mr. D'Almada:—It doesn't require a stamp.

Mr. Russ:—Of course it wants a stamp. I am bound to bring to your Lordship's notice anything that deprives the Colony of revenue. As a matter of fact I don't mind it going in.

His Lordship asked exactly why Mr. Russ argued the paper should be stamped, Mr. Russ replying that it bore the words "I am hereby indebted."

Mr. D'Almada:—It is not a promissory note.

Following further argument, Mr. Russ withdrew his objection, remarking, *sotto voce* "I am simply thinking of the revenue."

A Denial.

Replying to questions by Mr. Russ plaintiff denied that he collected the taxes for the Canton Government.

Have you ever heard of private people walking about collecting taxes without getting the police on their track?—I haven't heard of that but I was engaged by the defendant personally.

Plaintiff agreed that the defendant was acting for the Canton Government and that he was the head of a sub-department for the collection of taxes. He further admitted that the order he received for the winding up was signed by the defendant as head of the sub-department.

The case is proceeding.

THE GREAT JUNGLE FILM.

"CHANG" DRAWS BIG HOUSES TO THE QUEEN'S.

"Chang," the great jungle film, began a week's run at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and, as was to be expected, it drew crowded houses at each screening. Let it be said at once that it is in every way up to its reputation, and we imagine that before the week is ended practically every cinema-goer in the Colony will make a point of seeing it. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, and party, are to be present at the 5.10 p.m. performance to-day, whilst during the week groups of scholars from various schools are to see the film.

With characteristic enterprise, the management has arranged an appropriate jungle setting at the entrance and in the vestibule of the Theatre, even to the point of having real monkeys and parrots in the foliage—a touch which creates the correct "atmosphere" for the film.

Produced in the wildest parts of the Siamese jungle, "Chang" possesses a dual attraction. Not only does it show real jungle life, with herds of elephants, infuriated tigers and leopards, to say nothing of the smaller denizens of the forest, but it tells a connected story of the ceaseless fight of a Siamese family for existence in these wild surroundings. There are some truly wonderful and amazing pictures of the trapping of tigers, leopards and elephants—pictures which must have involved terrible risks to the photographers. Action, grim and thrilling, is well sustained throughout, and man's fight against nature is very cleverly depicted. It would be no exaggeration to say that this is the greatest jungle picture ever seen, and it gives an insight into the life of wild animals in their natural haunts which could only be made possible through the medium of the cinema. Especially thrilling is the scene in which a big herd of elephants is finally trapped. A word must be added concerning the admirable acting of the little Siamese family around whose adventures the story has been woven.

Besides this big attraction, which in itself is worth more than the prices charged for seats, there is a beautiful technicolour film, "The Virgin Queen," based on an incident in the time of Queen Elizabeth and Sir Walter Raleigh. This is one of the finest coloured films we have ever seen. But even this does not exhaust the programme, for there is a world news reel as well as some local movies besides—a real bumper programme which should on no account be missed.

THREE MONTHS & TEN YEARS.

DIFFERENCE ACCORDING TO NATURE OF KNIFE.

ROBBER ARRESTED.

Scenting something unusual in the fact that four men should be together at an early hour, a Chinese constable on duty in Water Street on Sunday morning, investigated. The men scattered on his approach, and giving chase, the constable secured one man, who, being searched, was found to be in possession of a long knife and a quantity of white tape.

The arrested man was charged this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with possession of the knife and tape, which were deemed fit for an unlawful purpose. When the charge was explained to the defendant, he pleaded guilty.

Mr. Lindsell enquired of the defendant if his purpose had been robbery, but the defendant gave no direct reply, explaining that it had been given to him by a man named Sai Fook.

Inspector Clarke prosecuting stated that the knife found on the man had been the sort of weapon that was used in recent robbiers. It was a butcher's knife.

Remarking that if the knife had been specially sharpened it could be classed as a dagger, his Worship directed Inspector Clarke to enquire if the butchers in Hongkong employed the type of knife found on the defendant. His Worship pointed out that if the knife was an ordinary one, the penalty of three months, the utmost he could impose, seemed inadequate, whereas if the weapon could be proved to have been specially sharpened at the edges, defendant, if tried under the Arms Ordinance, was liable to a penalty of ten years.

Asking for a remand, Inspector Clarke informed his Worship that since Sunday, two others have been arrested and are now held in custody pending identification. The authorities were inviting victims of recent robberies to try to identify the arrested men.

A remand of two days was granted.

COOK AND LAPSE OF MEMORY.

MAGISTRATE ACCEPTS HIS STORY.

A charge of stealing a blanket and a towel from the President Jefferson yesterday was brought against a cook before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant said he forgot to leave the articles behind when he was paid off.

It was stated that defendant was paid off yesterday. As he was leaving the ship, the Indian watchman searched his bag in which were his clothes and other effects and found the company's blanket and towel.

His Worship remarked that it was possible the defendant had put the blanket in the bag for the warm weather and had forgotten about it. It looked rather like a case of lapse of memory on his part. His Worship accepted the defendant's explanation and bound him over on a bond of $50 to be of good behaviour for one year.

What's the matter, Mother? "You're the one who suggested stopping for dinner."

THE HONEYMOON MURDER.

EVIDENCE OF WIFE'S INJURIES.

JAPANESE WHO LEFT DAY AFTER MURDER.

POLICE QUESTIONED.

Evidence that strangulation caused the death of the young wife of Chung Yi Miao, the Chinese law student, was given during the Police Court proceedings on the fourth day of the hearing at Keswick when the latter was charged with murder.

Professor John McFall, Liverpool University stated that he had examined the accused's clothing and some of the lady's clothes, and had made an exhaustive test for blood on those articles. He found no blood on any of the accused's clothing. On the lady's underclothing were marks suggestive of a blood smear, but the reaction was not sufficient for him to state definitely that that blood was human. The lady's right hand glove showed bloodlike stains upon the front of the thumb and all the four fingers and on the back of the index and little fingers. The left glove showed stains upon the ball and inner surface of the thumb, and on the lower portion of the front of the first three fingers and left side of the palm.

Blood Marks on Fingers.

On the front of the ring finger, one inch from the top, was a blood spurt mark, and on the back of the tip of the ring finger was another blood spurt mark. There was also a blood spurt mark on the back of the little finger. These three blood marks responded to the characteristic test for human blood.

In answer to the chairman witness said he would not have expected to find blood-stains on the clothing of the assailant in a case of strangulation unless the assailant moved the body.

Witness added that he found heavy stains of human blood on the lady's fur coat and stains of blood on other articles of her wearing apparel. He was unable to find any finger prints upon the material. In his examination of the woman's stomach contents, he found no evidence of poison of any kind.

Freda Fairbank, wife of Allan G. Fairbank, civil engineer, Crayle, Yorkshire, stated that she and her husband were staying at Rosthwaite on June 19th. In the afternoon they went for a walk by the river to Keswick, leaving Rosthwaite about two o'clock. She saw a man and a woman who were obviously Orientals at a stone horse trough on the side of the road. The man was taller than the woman, who was wearing a fur coat. They were coming towards her, and walking from the direction of Grange. The man was carrying a camera in his left hand.

Allan Garbert Fairbank, husband of the previous witness, gave similar evidence.

The Medical Evidence.

Dr. Crawford, Keswick, stated that as a result of a telephone message on June 19th he went to Cumma Catta Wood, arriving there at 9.30 p.m. He there saw between two rocks the body of a woman lying on her back. There was a cord tied tightly round the neck. Without disturbing the body, he made a very superficial examination. The woman's clothing was disarranged and there was an open umbrella over the upper part of her body. Her right hand was under her right thigh with the little finger in view. The left hand, ungloved, was curved upwards towards the shoulder. The ring finger was marked where the ring had been. One glove, inside out, was lying beside the right shoulder. The condition of the body was such that death might have occurred between 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The body was removed to the mortuary, and on June 20 he made a post-mortem examination.

He untied the three ligatures round the neck. Two were cords 4ft. and 5ft. 2ins. in length and the other a piece of double twisted string. The string and one cord were firmly embedded in the soft parts of the neck. The cords were tied in reef knots and the string in a grannie knot. The string which was underneath the cords was alone sufficient to cause death. There was blood from the nose, left ear and mouth. There were no other marks of violence on the body with the exception of a small scratch over the outside of the left ankle. He saw no indications of a struggle. The position of the blood on the rocks undoubtedly showed that someone had moved the body. There was no indication of any sexual interference

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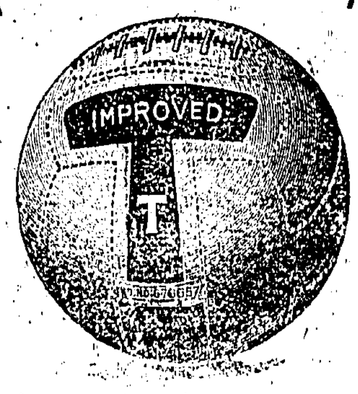

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Y.M.C.A. SPORTS.

MEETING MAKES PLANS FOR SEASON.

A meeting of members of the European Y. M. C. A. was held last evening to discuss plans for the coming winter season, there being an excellent attendance. Mr. P. Sands, the assistant secretary, gave a report on the Association's sporting activities last year and said that last season was in reality the first opportunity that the Y. M. C. A. had of taking part in any organised sports in the Colony. It was true that in 1926 some games had been arranged but these were more in the nature of scratch fixtures. They were so successful, however, that at the corresponding meeting last year a very comprehensive programme of outside sports was arranged.

Mention had been made in a circular sent out to members of the very successful hockey season in 1927-1928 both for the first and second elevens. This year, in spite of the fact that quite a few members of last year's teams had left, they looked forward to as successful a record as before. The first eleven had very great possibilities and if the team work displayed last year continued the season would be a most successful one.

Hockey Prospects.

Reference was made to the services of last year's captain, Mr. A. J. May for his work in welding the team together. One difficulty that was never overcome was that of time. It was difficulty for all players to get to the ground by five o'clock but as the light went by 6.15 it was necessary that players should get on the field as soon as possible.

A warm tribute was paid to the second eleven, which, it was stated consisted generally of men taking up the game for the first time.

Basketball Plans.

On the question of basket ball the game was only taken up seriously last year and some matches were won, although in one against the United States Navy the Y. M. C. A. came out with only four points to 64. The Association was handicapped by not having a set team but this year a good deal of enthusiasm had been shown and it was hoped to run several teams. A suggestion had been made that four teams should be formed from which the team to meet others would be picked. The four teams would also play against each other.

Last year the ground at the rear of the Association building was just plain dirt and the game was consequently on the slow side. It had now been surfaced with concrete and the game should quicken up considerably. In connexion with the game a tribute was paid to Mr. C. T. Evans who had now left for Swatow. His keenness, coupled with that of the captain, Mr. A. F. Brennan was instrumental in making the game popular.

Motor Cycle Football.

With regard to motor cycle football it was pointed out that the game obviously appealed to a limited number but those who took it up when the Y. M. C. A. introduced the game to the Colony last year, found that the excitement and novelty was well worth the energy expended in preparing machines. The bugbear of danger was shown to be almost non-existent and any accidents that occurred were of a trivial nature. The worst trouble that happened was a broken oil pump on one machine.

Mr. Sands said that it had been hoped to make an announcement at the meeting concerning a playing field for this sport but as yet no intimation had been received from the source to which a letter had been addressed. The enthusiasm which brought the game into being was entirely due to last season's captain, Mr. H. G. Swinburne.

Interest in Cricket.

On the subject of cricket Mr. Sands said that in response to several requests he had sounded members of the Y. M. C. A. as to the possibilities of running a few friendly games of cricket this season. The response had shown beyond all doubt that the enthusiasm and interest were there and it only remained to find a suitable opportunity, fields and opponents. There was the question of equipment which would entail an outlay of at least a hundred dollars. To justify this expenditure it would be necessary for members to support this section of outdoor sports, not spasmodically but enthusiastically.

Mr. Sands, as secretary of the Hockey Club and Motor-cycle Football Club thanked the captains of the two bodies for their co-operation during the year, and also the members who turned out and played the game.

The Sports Committee.

The Sports Committee for the season was constituted as follows: Messrs. P. Sands, A. F. Brennan, R. Murray, H. G. Swinburne and J. M. Purvis.

The following sub-committees were also elected. Hockey: Captain, R. Murray; Hon. Secretary, P. Sands; Committee Member, H. Burson.

Basket Ball.—Captain, A. F. Brennan; Hon. Secretary, J. M. Purvis, Committee Member, J. I. Barnes.

Cricket.—Captain, A. Laughton; Hon. Secretary, A. B. Clemo; Committee Member, J. M. Purvis.

Motor Cycle Football.—Captain, H. G. Swinburne; Hon. Secretary, P. Sands; Committee Member, W. Taylor.

Golf.—Captain, J. H. Hunt; Hon. Secretary, W. Borrowman; Committee Member, H. G. Swinburne.

Social Committee.

Another meeting was held to discuss the social activities of the Association, the following members being appointed to the Committee—Messrs. H. J. Fountain, G. B. Labrum, T. V. Harmon, H. A. Angus, and W. L. Walker.

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with the woman. Death, in his opinion, was consistent with asphyxia by strangulation. The ligatures could not possibly have been self-applied.

Cross-examined: The woman was approximately five feet in height.

After having warned the witness to be very careful about his answer, Mr. Thesiger asked: Was the condition of the ring finger consistent with the ring having been taken off some hours before death?

Witness: Certainly.

An Important Remark.

P.C. Scott, Keswick, spoke to going with Inspector Graham to Borrowdale Gates and detaining the accused. In the charge room that night the accused asked him, "Did you see my wife?" Witness said he did. The accused then asked, "Had she knickers on?" Witness did not answer, but told the accused to wait until the return of Inspector Graham and ask him any questions he wished.

Mr. Thesiger: Was anybody else present during the conversation at which you allege the prisoner used the word "knickers?"—No.

To the best of your knowledge has he ever used that word before or since?—No, he has not.

Did you ask him to put it into writing?—I did not.

You had seen the body, and you realised the importance of that remark?—Yes.

Did you put it into writing?—I did.

When and where?—At the time, in my pocket book.

Having examined the constable's pocket book, Mr. Thesiger asked him to explain why the entry of the question asked at 12.45 a.m. appeared in the book before the entry of his seeing the body in Borrowdale.

Witness said the reason was he put the entry about the knickers in that place because he realised it was of importance, and he put it down immediately. He then entered all he could recollect of what had happened before.

Mr. Thesiger: You don't suggest he said, "If you find the knickers you will find the culprit?"—No.

P.C. Mounsey, Keswick, said he was with P.C. Scott when the accused was detained.

Several Keswick officers stated that while the accused had been in their charge no one had made any reference to the condition in which the woman's body was found or to her garments.

P.C. Hayton, Keswick, stated that on June 20 the accused asked him if the police had found the necklace. He said he did not know. At that time witness was not aware that the necklace was missing. The accused later gave him three telegrams to send.

Cross-examined: He had not read the opening speech made by Mr. Cohen. The accused said to him "If they get the necklace they will get the culprit." That was said after the question about the necklace.

Jewellery Valued at £3385.

Norman Herbert Grant, jeweller, English Street, Carlisle, said he had valued the jewellery in the jewel case and other articles, and he put in a list of his valuations. The solitaire diamond ring was worth £175 and the wedding ring £30. He estimated the total value of the jewellery at £3385.

Superintendent Joseph Barron, Deputy Chief Constable, stated that he arrived at Keswick Police Station at 6.45 a.m. on June 20. He went into the accused's cell with Inspector Graham. He told the accused who he was and that he had come to inquire into the case. The accused said: "It is terrible; my wife assaulted, robbed and murdered." As a result of what the accused said he searched in the neighbourhood of Cumma Gatta Wood for some diamond rings and a note wallet, but he did not find them. The accused asked about his clothing and witness told him that his suit and overcoat were to be examined by the doctors to see if there were any bloodstains on them and that he could not have them till that was done.

Witness was about to give the accused's reply when Mr. Thesiger objected to that evidence.

After a legal argument, the objection was over-ruled.

Witness said the accused's reply was: "The bloodstains on my overcoat were got in New York." Witness later removed the accused's belongings from the boarding house. In a brown suit case, he found a locked jewel case. He asked the accused if he knew where the key to the jewel case was, and he said, "No; I don't know where the key is." Later in the day, Inspector Graham and he examined the articles brought from the bedroom. A paper wallet contained a letter of credit in favour of the accused's wife for ten thousand dollars. There was also a circular letter of credit for £250. In searching a black bag, he found, almost at the bottom a shirt, in the folds of which was a chain with seven keys, one of which opened the jewel case. He also found a certificate that the accused graduated Doctor of Laws at Chicago on June 8th, 1927.

Two Japanese at an Hotel.

Mr. Thesiger (cross-examining): Have you received information that two Chinese left Keswick for Penrith by the 11.20 train on Wednesday, June 20th?—Witness: Inquiries were made, and I am not sure about some Japanese.

Have you received information that a Chinaman had been seen on Tuesday, June 19th at 10.30 in the morning near Castlerigg Farm?—Inquiries were made by the Police, but no Chinese had been seen.

Have you received information of two Chinamen having been seen on the Borrowdale road at 11.30 on Tuesday, June 19th?—Supt. Barron was understood to say he had not received such information.

Have you seen any man named Norman Byres?—I have not interviewed such a man.

Have you received information of a Chinaman being seen near the toll bar, Brow Top, Keswick, at two o'clock on Tuesday, June 19th?—I have received information.

Re-examined by Mr. Sefton Cohen, Supt. Barron said he had made inquiries of the drivers and conductors of the charabancs which passed along the Keswick and Barrowdale road on June 19th as to whether any Chinese or Japanese were seen on the road, but he had found no trace. He found that two Japanese arrived at the Keswick Hotel on the morning of June 19th and went away on June 20th.

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LOCAL BILLIARDS.

R. A. DEFEATED IN LEAGUE MATCH.

A very interesting billiards match took place last night in the first round of the Steel and Coulson League, when the R.A. at Stonecutters entertained the Chief and Petty Officers' Club of the Naval Dockyard. The result was a narrow win for the visitors. There were some close finishes up to the last game. Scores:

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TONY SKEEL, a professional burglar
WILLIAM ELMER JESSUP, telephone operator
HARRY SPIVELY, telephone operator
ERNEST HEATH, Sergeant of the Homicide Bureau

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THE STORY THUS FAR

Skeel's finger prints were found in the apartment of the murdered Margaret Odell, but Vance does not believe him guilty. It is proved later that three other possible suspects had been lying about their whereabouts the night of the murder. The truth comes out that Mannix had been calling adjoining the "Canary's"; that Cleaver had been in the building around midnight and that Dr. Lindquist knowing Spotswoode was calling on Margaret Odell, had planned in a jealous fit to kill him when he came out. But this plan was frustrated when Spotswoode jumped into a cab. Skeel telephones that he will come to the district attorney's office and tell who committed the murder. They wait for him. He does not appear, and when they go to his room they find him dead—strangled just as Margaret Odell had been.

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CHAPTER XLI

The investigation into Skeel's death was pushed with great vigor by the authorities. Doctor Doremus, the medical examiner, arrived promptly and declared that the crime had taken place between ten o'clock and midnight.

Immediately Vance insisted that all the men who were known to have been intimately acquainted with the Odell girl—Mannix, Lindquist, Cleaver, and Spotswoode—be interviewed at once and made to explain where they were during these two hours. Markham agreed without hesitation, and gave the order to Heath, who at once put four of his men on the task.

Mallory, the detective who had shadowed Skeel the previous night, was questioned regarding possible visitors; but inasmuch as the house where Skeel lived accommodated over twenty roomers who were constantly coming and going at all hours, no information could be gained through that channel.

All that Mallory could say definitely was that Skeel had returned home at about ten o'clock, and had not come out again. The landlady, sobered and subdued by the tragedy, repudiated all knowledge of the affair. She explained that she had been "ill" in her room from dinner-time until we had disturbed her recuperation the next morning.

The front door, it seemed, was never locked, since her tenants objected to such an unnecessary inconvenience. The tenants themselves were questioned, but without result: they were not of a class likely to give information to the police, even had they possessed any.

The finger-print experts made a careful examination of the room, but failed to find any marks except Skeel's own. A thorough search through the murdered man's effects occupied several hours; but nothing was discovered that gave any hint of the murderer's identity.

A .38 Colt automatic fully loaded, was found under one of the pillows on the bed; and eleven hundred dollars, in bills of large denomination, was taken from a hollow brass curtain-rod. Also, under a loose board in the hall, the missing steel chisel, with the fissure in the blade, was found.

But these items were of no value in solving the mystery of Skeel's death; and at four o'clock in the afternoon the room was closed with an emergency padlock and put under guard.

Markham and Vance and I had remained several hours after our discovery of the body. Markham had taken immediate charge of the case, and had conducted the interrogation of the tenants.

Vance had watched the routine activities of the police with unwonted intentness, and had even taken part in the search. He had seemed particularly interested in Skeel's evening clothes, and had examined them garment by garment, Heath had looked at him from time to time, but there had been neither contempt nor amusement in the sergeant's glances.

At half past two Markham departed, after informing Heath that he would be at the Stuyvesant Club during the remainder of the day; and Vance and I went with him. We had a belated luncheon in the empty grill.

"This Skeel episode rather knocks the foundation from under everything," Markham said dispiritedly, as our coffee was served.

"Oh, no—not that," Vance answered. "Rather, let us say that it has added a new column to the edifice of my giddy theory."

"Your theory—yes. It's about all that's left to go on." Markham sighed. "It has certainly received substantiation this morning. .... Remarkable how you called the turn when Skeel failed to show up."

Again Vance contradicted him. "You over-estimate my little flutter in forensics, Markham dear. You see, I assumed that the lady's strangler knew of Skeel's offer to you. That offer was probably a threat of some kind on Skeel's part; otherwise he wouldn't have set the appointment a day ahead. He no doubt hoped the victim of his threat would become amenable in the meantime.

"And that money hidden in the curtain-rod leads me to think he was blackmailing the Canary's murderer, and had been refused a further donation just before he phoned you yesterday. That would account, too, for his having kept his guilty knowledge to himself all this time."

"You may be right. But now we're worse off than ever, for we haven't even Skeel to guide us."

"At least we've forced our elusive culprit to commit a second crime to cover up his first, don't y' know. And when we have learned what the Canary's various amorists were doing last night between ten and twelve, we may have something suggestive on which to work.—By the bye, when may we expect this thrilling information?"

"It depends upon what luck Heath's men have. Tonight some time, if everything goes well."

"It was, in fact, about half past eight when Heath telephoned the reports. But here again Markham seemed to have drawn a blank. A less satisfactory account could scarcely be imagined.

Doctor Lindquist had suffered a "nervous stroke" the preceding afternoon, and had been taken to the Episcopal Hospital. He was still there under the care of two eminent physicians whose word it was impossible to doubt; and it would be a week at least before he would be able to resume his work.

This report was the only definite one of the four, and it completely exonerated the doctor from any participation in the previous night's crime.

By a curious coincidence neither Mannix, nor Cleaver, nor Spotswoode could furnish a satisfactory alibi. All three of them, according to their statements, had remained at home the night before. The weather had been inclement; and though Mannix and Spotswoode admitted to having been out earlier in the evening, they stated that they had returned home before ten o'clock.

Mannix lived in an apartment-hotel, and, as it was Saturday night, the lobby was crowded, so that no one would have been likely to see him come in.

Cleaver lived in a small private apartment-house without a doorman or hallboys to observe his movements.

Spotswoode was staying at the Stuyvesant Club, and since his rooms were on the third floor, he rarely used the elevator. Moreover, there had been a political reception and dance at the club the previous night, and he might have walked in and out at random a dozen times without being noticed.

"Not what you'd call illuminatin'," said Vance, when Markham had given him this information.

"It eliminates Lindquist, at any rate."

"Quite. And, automatically, it eliminates him as an object of suspicion in the Canary's death also; for these two crimes are part of a whole—integers of the same problem. They complement each other. The latter was conceived in relation to the first—was, in fact, a logical outgrowth of it."

Markham nodded.

"That's reasonable enough. Anyway, I've passed the combative stage. I think I'll drift for a while on the stream of your theory and see what happens."

"What irks me is the disquietin' feeling that positively nothing will happen unless we force the issue. The lad who manoeuvred those two obits had real bean in him."

As he spoke Spotswoode entered the room and looked about as if searching for some one. Catching sight of Markham, he came briskly forward, with a look of inquisitive perplexity.

"Forgive me for intruding, sir," he apologized, nodding pleasantly to Vance and me, "but a police officer was here this afternoon inquiring as to my whereabouts last night. It struck me as strange, but I thought little of it until I happened to see the name Tony Skeel in the headlines of a special tonight and read he had been strangled.

"I remember you asked me regarding such a man in connexion with Miss Odell, and I wondered if, be any chance, there could be any connexion between the two murders, and if I was, after all, to be drawn into the affair."

"No, I think not," said Markham. "There seemed a possibility that the two crimes were related; and, as a matter of routine, the police questioned all the close friends of Miss Odell in the hope of turning up something suggestive. You may dismiss the matter from you mind. I trust," he added, "the officer was not unpleasantly importunate."

"Not at all." Spotswoode's look of anxiety disappeared. "He was extremely courteous but a bit mysterious.—Who was this man Skeel?"

"A half-world character and ex-burglar. He had some hold on Miss Odell, and, I believe, extorted money from her."

A cloud of angry disgust passed over Spotswoode's face.

"A creature like that deserves the fate that overtook him."

We chatted on various matters until ten o'clock, when Vance rose and gave Markham a reproachful look.

"I'm going to try to recover some lost sleep. I'm temperamentally unfitted for a policeman's life."

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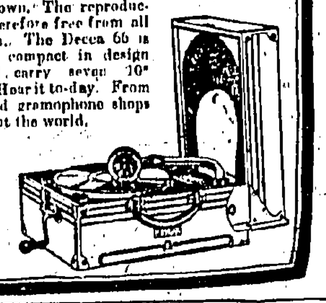

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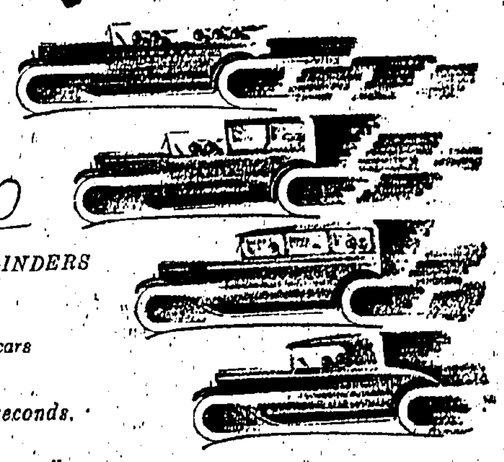

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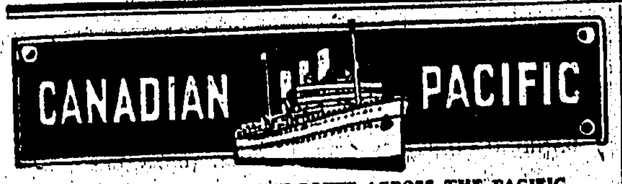

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DOCTOR TAKES ACTION AGAINST LORRY DRIVER.

A mishap on the Castle Peak Road, where a motor car driven by Dr. J. E. Dovey came into collision with a lorry, on the evening of August 26, had a sequel before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a summons for negligent driving was taken out against the driver of the lorry.

It was explained that motor lorry, No. 503, had been drawn up against the north bank of the road just round a corner, while a second lorry, No. 341, which the defendant was driving, was reversing in an attempt to go alongside 503. Dr. Dovey was travelling towards Kowloon and collided with the rear of 341.

His Worship asked what constituted the negligence, intimating that it was more a case of obstruction.

Inspector Marks replied that the fact that lorry No. 341 was reversing round a bend was negligence, especially as no warning was given.

It was stated that 503 had posted a man to warn traffic of its presence.

Dr. Dovey then went into the witness box. He said that he was returning from Castle Peak at 5.45 p.m. on August 26 together with his wife, child and amah. At a point about half way between Castle Peak and Tsun Wan there were two half bends in the road.

Half Bends.

Asked what he meant by half bends, witness replied that a motorist approaching a half bend, as he had been, had a clear view of the road round the corner if travelling on the right hand side of the road, but if travelling on the left hand side had his view obscured by the bend.

Continuing, witness said that he was approaching the first two of these bends well on his left hand side. Witness was familiar with these corners and knew they were not dangerous. As he approached the corner witness sounded his horn twice but did not reduce speed.

"I did not reduce speed," said Dr. Dovey, "because I heard no reply to my horn. I therefore swung round the corner at 27 miles an hour. On turning the corner I saw immediately in front of about 20 paces away motor lorry No. 503, on the same side of the road as myself, facing the same way and broken down."

The lorry, continued witnesses, was very heavily laden with baskets. Three men were standing beside the rear of the vehicle.

Almost simultaneously witness saw lorry No. 341 alongside 503. Witness had just swung out to pass 503. At the same time as witness saw the three men they saw him and one rushed out shouting, "*Man man!*" The road was completely blocked and witness had the choice between colliding with one of the lorries and going over the embankment.

When witness struck lorry 341 the speed of his car was about ten miles an hour.

In Dangerous Position.

Proceeding, witness said that he considered both lorries to have been in a very dangerous position, in such a position as to compel an accident with the first car going round the corner.

His Worship remarked that the only negligence he could see was the fact that the three men were not put further round the corner.

Witness held that the fact that one lorry was reversing to go alongside another round a corner was negligence.

The defendant (to witness): Why did you go at such a high speed?

Witness: I have already explained that. I knew the corner was a half bend and blew my horn. I received no reply and was therefore entitled to presume the road was quite clear.

Mrs. Dovey gave corroborative evidence, remarking that it was not till her husband's car was half way past lorry 503 that she saw the second lorry.

Mr. J. Smith of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, who arrived on the scene shortly afterwards, gave the position of lorry No. 503, as being 20 yards round the bend. Witness said that he thought rounding a bend at 27 miles an hour was "just on the border line."

Prosecution Fails.

The driver of lorry No. 503, gave evidence of his lorry having had a puncture, and said that the cargo was to have been transferred to the other lorry.

In reply to Dr. Dovey, witness admitted that it was dangerous for the lorries to have been drawn up round a bend. Witness claimed, however, that there was sufficient room for a car to pass the lorries.

Asked why he had not taken his lorry further down the road so that traffic approaching in either direction could see it, witness replied that his load was a heavy one and it would have damaged the tyre to have gone further.

His Worship said that the only actual negligence was the absence of adequate warning.

Sergeant Scrim replied that it had also been given in evidence that lorry 503 was about 20 yards round the bend. A driver could easily stop in that distance.

His Worship: I cannot help thinking that this is a case for the Civil Court. I might say the rights and wrongs of the case seem certainly evenly balanced and I think, therefore, the case must be dismissed.

No Lights.

Mr. J. S. Smith, of the Station Hotel, was fined $2 for driving a motor car without two head lights.

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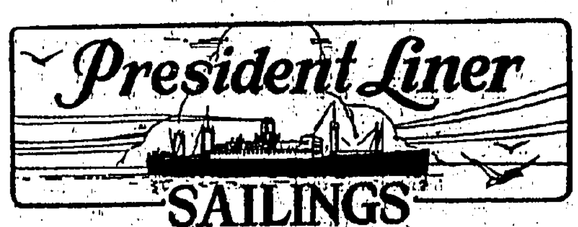

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Presto.

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Andante,
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BOAT OVERHAUL.

LOCAL BUILDER'S CLAIM FOR WORK DONE.

The cost of overhauling a motor boat was the subject of an action in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Jacks, when his Lordship was called upon to decide what work was included in a $500 agreement and what work was extra. The case was one in which A. King, Causeway Bay, yacht and motor boat builder, sued Yeung Lam, of the motor boat "Tung Fat 1," lying at Tsimshatsui. The sum of $269 was claimed for work done and materials supplied to Yeung Lam's boat. Of the total bill, $549.30, it was admitted that $269.30 had been paid.

Mr. D. L. Strellett was for the plaintiff while the defendant conducted his own case.

The plaintiff argued that certain work done did not come within a verbal agreement of March 17, this year, for the work to cost $500, while the defendant contended that there should be no extra charge as all the work was within the contract.

The Agreement.

After commenting that the plaintiff was the well known boat builder and repairer, Mr. Strellett said that the agreement included the fixing up of a new cabin, the installation of a new motor, and certain repainting work. The motor was supplied by an outside party and the charge made was for the removal of the old engine and the installation of the new one. The new cabin was to be both built and fixed by the plaintiff.

Mr. Strellett continued that prior to the commencement of the work the plaintiff was requested to draw up a sketch of the proposed new cabin. That was done and the sketch was handed to the defendant who submitted it to the proper authorities for approval. After further discussions the parties came to an agreement that the work should be done for the inclusive price of $500.

Dirty Lifebuoys.

In July, continued Mr. Strellett, the time came for the launch to be inspected by the Harbour Authorities, when new paint on the rest of the ship made four unpainted lifebuoys look dirty. The defendant asked for those lifebuoys to be repainted and that was done.

A trial run was made in August when the defendant bought a drum of Shell petrol for the purpose of running the engine. During the test it was found that there was a certain defective contact in the magneto, which was supplied with the engine from the outside party, and the defendant ordered a new contact.

New Propeller.

In spite of the new engine, the launch still did not come up to expectations with the result that the defendant ordered a new propeller. While the engine was working a crankshaft engine bearing burnt out and a new one was put in.

Mr. Strellett added that on Friday last the defendant alleged that the whole of the work and goods supplied were included in the terms of the agreement of March 17, and that there should not be any further charge. With regard to the old engine and propellor, if the defendant had paid his bill, those articles would have been returned to him.

It was pointed out that his Lordship had ordered the defendant to pay into court the sum of $220, which he had admitted to be due.

Mr. M. Akbar, clerk to the judge, informed his Lordship that that money had not been paid.

Evaded Full Judgment.

Mr. Strellett commented that the defendant had succeeded in evading judgment for the full amount and had not paid into court the amount he admitted to be due.

The plaintiff said that the total bill amounted to $549.30, of which some money had been paid on account, leaving a balance of $269.30. He averred that the charges with regard to painting the lifebuoys, petrol, propeller, crankshaft bush, and defective magneto contact, were extras.

Replying to the defendant, plaintiff denied that there was any agreement for the boat to be finished within two weeks. He admitted that there was a delay in the work but denied it was agreed that everything in the overhaul should be included in the $500.

Replying to Mr. Strellett, plaintiff said the reason why the defendant had possession of the boat when he had not paid the bill was because he took the boat away without his (plaintiff's) knowledge.

Plaintiff Liability.

Questioned by his Lordship, as to why he had not paid the $220 into court, the defendant said, in giving evidence, that, he did not know it should have been paid forthwith. Continuing he said that the $500 agreement included everything, even to a licence. He bought the engine second-hand from a friend and the plaintiff agreed to put it into proper running order at his own expense.

His Lordship queried why the plaintiff should make himself responsible for an engine he had not seen, remarking that there might be serious deficiencies.

The defendant contended that that was so. He denied asking for the lifebuoys to be painted. With regard to the propeller he said that he bought the engine without a propellor but the seller arranged to get the plaintiff to provide one. In that case, the defendant argued, the bill for that item should have been sent to the seller of the engine. The other items, magneto contact and bush, he classed as work to be done by the plaintiff to carry out the $500 contract, adding that the petrol should be paid for by the plaintiff because he had to test the engine. Defendant further said that the engine was completely dismantled and examined by the plaintiff's engineer before the agreement was arrived at.

Cost Another $80.

Defendant admitted taking the boat away, explaining he did so because it was left unattended and the work was not being proceeded with. When he obtained possession of it the work was not completed and he had to pay another $80 for deck canvas coverings.

In summing up, his Lordship found that the petrol should have been supplied by the plaintiff and also that the painting of the lifebuoys was included in the contract. He accordingly struck out those two items and gave judgment for the plaintiff for $261 and costs.

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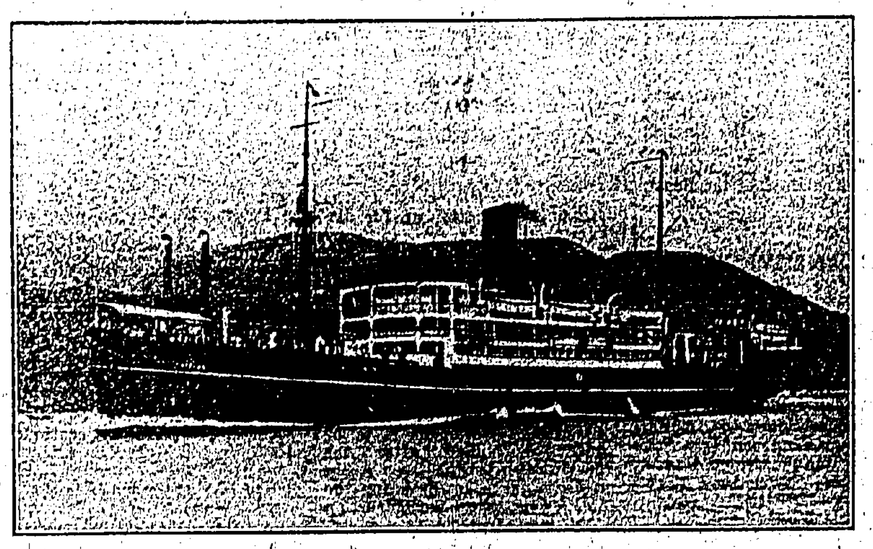

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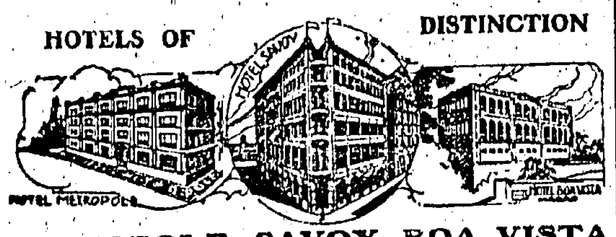

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UNFOUNDED CHARGE.

CHRISTIAN BROTHER ACQUITTED AT PORT DICKSON.

The case in which Cyril Talbot, a Christian Brother, of St. John's Institution, Kuala Lumpur, was charged with an offence against a Tamil woman at Port Dickson on August 23, was heard before Mr. W. H. Wood, the District Officer and First Magistrate, at Port Dickson.

Replying to a suggestion by the Magistrate that the case should be heard in camera Mr. S. Veerasamy, who appeared for the accused, said he would make no application, as the case had already been reported in the Press and he wished the result also to appear in the Press.

After the complainant had given evidence His Worship stated that he would not proceed further with the charge, as there was no evidence whatsoever in support of it. The accused was accordingly acquitted.

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WHITE GLOVES AT SESSIONS.

NO CRIMINAL CASES DOWN FOR HEARING.

NEW RECORD SET.

There being no cases down for trial at this month's Criminal Sessions, which were to open at the Supreme Court this morning, the time-honoured custom of presenting the Judge with a pair of white gloves was observed, the recipient being Sir Henry Gollan. His Lordship remarked, in acknowledging the gift, that although he had been administering the law for 25 years in five different dependencies of the Crown, that was the first time he had taken part in such a ceremony.

This month's maiden calendar makes the fourth of its kind since Hongkong became a British possession and the second within a period of six months. This latter is a record.

The first occasion when there were no prisoners was in November, 1904, when the then Chief Justice, Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley, was presented with a pair of white gloves. In June, 1914, the ceremony was again performed, the recipient being Sir Henry Gompertz, (then Mr. H. J. Gompertz), while the last occasion was in March, this year, when Mr. Justice Wood received a pair of white gloves.

This morning's presentation was made by Mr. C. D. Melbourne (Deputy Registrar) who remarked on the absence of cases and begged his Lordship's acceptance of a pair of wite gloves, in accordance with the old-established custom.

In acknowledging the gift his Lordship said:—"Mr. Fitzroy Mr. Registrar.—During the last 25 years I have been engaged in the administration of the law as an Attorney General and Chief Justice in five different dependencies of the Crown and this is the first occasion on which I have taken part in this interesting time-honoured ceremony.

"A captious critic might say that the absence of any cases for trial in the Court presents a flattering appearance in view of the original lists, because the frequency of gang robberies and the skill with which they are organised and carried out shows a certain amount of sophistication in our midst. But the fact remains that on two occasions within the last six months there have been no cases for trial at the Sessions, and I think it is a matter of congratulation, for the community, to be able to leal such virtuous lives, to our Police Force, our very efficient Police Force.

"One other matter to which I should like to call attention is a statement which I have seen in to-day's papers, that the Attorney General has met with rather a serious accident. I am sure, speaking on behalf of the Bar, that everyone will wish him a speedy recovery."

OBITUARY.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF "THE FIELD."

London, Sept. 17.

The death is reported of Sir Theodore Cook.—*Reuter.*

[Sir Theodore Andrea Cook has been editor-in-chief of *The Field* since 1910. He was born in 1867 at Exmouth, Devonshire, and educated at King Alfred's Grammar School at Wantage. He took great interest in school and college sports in which he excelled. In 1889 he rowed No. 3 in the Oxford crew. He was captain of the English Fencing team in Paris in 1903 and in Athens in 1906. In 1900 he became editor of the *St. James's Gazette*, joining the staff of the *Daily Telegraph* the following year. He was a great writer, his publications being numerous, among them being, Old Touraine; Rouen; A History of the English Turf; Old Provence; The Curves of Life; Twenty-Five Great Houses of France; The Mark of the Beast, etc.]

CHILE ANNIVERSARY.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED.

To-day Chilians throughout the world celebrate the anniversary of the independence of Chile. The national independence of Chile dates from the second decade of the nineteenth century. The revolt of England's North American colonies, and the events of the French revolution naturally suggested the idea of a struggle for independence to the Spanish colonists, and the deposition of Ferdinand VII by Napoleon, and the ensuing disorganization of Spain, supplied the desired opportunity.

To mark the occasion, a reception was held at the Chilean Consulate this morning, when many local residents and members of the Consular Body were present.

JAPAN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

MANCHURIA MOTIVES MISUNDERSTOOD.

COUNT UCHIDA INTERVIEWED IN LONDON.

BRITISH CO-OPERATION

London, Sept. 17.

Count Uchida, the former Japanese Foreign Minister, interviewed by Reuter on arrival from Japan, travelling by the Siberian route, emphasied that Japan has every sympathy with China in her desire to realise her aspirations.

Japan, he said, had great hopes of a New China but nobody could tell what is likely to happen in the next few months.

He was unable to imagine the possibility of trouble between Japan and the other foreign Powers as regards China, notwithstanding the fact that much propaganda to the contrary has been disseminated.

Misconception.

There was, he added, much misconception and untruth with regard to the Japanese attitude in Manchuria, even in Manchuria itself. He stressed that Japan has no territorial ambitions or designs in Manchuria.

Count Uchida expressed satisfaction at the evidences of the cordiality of Anglo-Japanese relations and expressed the opinion that Anglo-Japanese co-operation would be immensely to the advantage of the Powers concerned in Chinese affairs, and also to China herself.

Siberian Railway.

Concluding, Count Uchida said he had been immensely struck by the wonderful way in which the Siberian Railway is run as the result of his observations during his recent journey from Japan.

He mentioned that he visited Lenin's Tomb at Moscow and was surprised to find the features almost exactly as when he last saw him alive.—*Reuter.*

Foreigners Evacuate.

Reliable reports state that 30,000 Shantung-Chihli troops between Anshan and Changli are gradually being disarmed by the Fengtien forces.

Naval wireless messages further state that the Shantung troops who have surrendered are being moved to north of Chinwantao by rail. Chinwantao is quiet.

The civilian evacuation of Peitaho and Shanhaikwan is now completed, the foreigners who have left now being concentrated on the Bluff at Chinwantao.

The Tongshan mining area continues quiet, a coal train operating between there and Tientsin. The bridge at Lanhsien is damaged and it is estimated that repairs will take three days to effect.

The Upper Yangtsze.

With regard to the Upper Yangtsze, General Yang Sen is still at Fuchow, while Wu Hsin-kwang, who left Yang Sen recently, is now apparently rejoining him.

A Nanking message states that the 31st Brigade of the 11th Division is reported to have arrived at Pukow. Considerable troop movements are reported down the river from the Chungking area.

China and the League.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.

The rejection of China's request for re-election to the League of Nations Council, is causing great dissatisfaction among the Chinese at Geneva and they have wired to the Central Government at Nanking proposing that China should sever all relations with the League.

Though Nanking messages show that the Government does not feel deeply concerned whether China is given a seat on the League Council or not, it is stated that at the coming session of the C. E. C. the question is to come up for discussion.

The discontent is based on the fact that with China's enormous territory and big population it is most undesirous that China's request for a non-permanent seat should be rejected.

Nanking Changes.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.

The reconstruction of the Nanking Central Government is to be formally announced after the leaders' return to Nanking. A big conference is to be held for the adoption of the reconstruction scheme.

It is reported as certain that Marshals Chiang Kai-shek, Li Chai-sum, General Chen Ming-shiu and Messrs Tsai Yuan-pei, Li Shih-tseng, Chang Ching-kiang and Tai Chi-tao will leave Shanghai this evening for Nanking.

Treaty Revision.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.

The Nationalist Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang has requested the Portuguese Minister to China to open negotiations for Treaty revision. It is understood that the Foreign-Vice Minister, Tang Yu-liang, will represent the Nationalist Government in the conferences with Portugal.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.

It appears that on September 13 the Chihli-Shantung troops line, based on Shihmen, midway between Luanchow and Changli, on the Peiping-Mukden Railway, was opposed by the sixteenth, eighth and twentieth Fengtien armies, the latter overlapping the Chihli-Shantung forces. On Sept. 14, Chang Chung-chang's White Russians attacked the eighth Fengtien army and forced them back, but later had to surrender. Further fighting on Sept. 15 resulted in the Fengtien troops advancing and enveloping their opponents.

General Pei Chung-hsi continues to maintain a watchful attitude along the West bank of the Luanho, leaving the Fengtien troops to clean up the Chihli-Shantung troops. It is estimated that at present 40,000 Fengtien soldiers are inside the Great Wall.—*Reuter.*

Chang Chung-chang Hits Back.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.

Reliable reports from North China state that General Chang Chung-chang, with his back to the wall, inflicted a severe reverse on 10,000 Fengtienites in the vicinity of Shih-men on the 16th. There are no details of the fighting up to the present.—*Reuter.*

FIGHT ON SOCCER FIELD.

CHINESE OBJECT TO ORDER TO LEAVE.

RECREIO IN TRAINING.

A fight between a party of Portuguese footballers and a crowd of Chinese on playing fields in King's Park was described at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when three Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner.

Defendants denied the charge.

Inspector Marks informed his Worship that members of the Club de Recreio went to their football ground for practice at about 6 o'clock yesterday evening and found the field occupied by a crowd of Chinese. A watchman was engaged on the ground but the intruders had assaulted the Indian when he attempted to prevent them from trespassing. The Portuguese players then ordered the men off the field and a fight ensued in which stones were freely thrown while some of the Chinese brought bamboo poles into action.

The Police were communicated with, and a party was despatched to the scene. On arrival the three defendants were arrested with stones in their possession, while one of them was carrying a bamboo pole. There was no actual evidence that any of the three defendants had taken part in the fight.

His Worship intimated that the section more applicable to the case would be 22 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1845, which reads that every person who has in his possession any spear, bludgeon, or other offensive weapon, with intent to use same for any such unlawful purpose, shall be liable to a fine.

Inspector Marks remarked that a stone, which he produced, could not be called a bludgeon although it could do a lot of damage.

His Worship intimated that the best course would be to ask the defendants if they were willing to be bound over for their future good behaviour.

The defendants, agreed and were accordingly bound over in sums of $50 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

CYCLONE BRINGS TIDAL WAVE.

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Radio messages, however, do not report any casualties. It is believed that the inhabitants, remembering the disaster of 1926, in which there was heavy loss of life, had moved to safety on the receipt of the warning from the weather bureau.

Latest reports last night from Palm Beach stated that the hurricane was raging with a wind velocity of 125 miles an hour. Palm Beach, West Palm Beach and a fifty mile strip of the Florida coast are isolated.

The Bahamas Islands have been isolated since midnight on the 16th and hitherto there has been no news of the extent of the damage done there.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, Sept. 17.

The Governor of Porto Rico states that the poorer classes including a million "Jivaros" or peasant farmers, are completely destitute. The Porto Rican authorities acted quickly in order to check profiteering and guards were told off to check looting.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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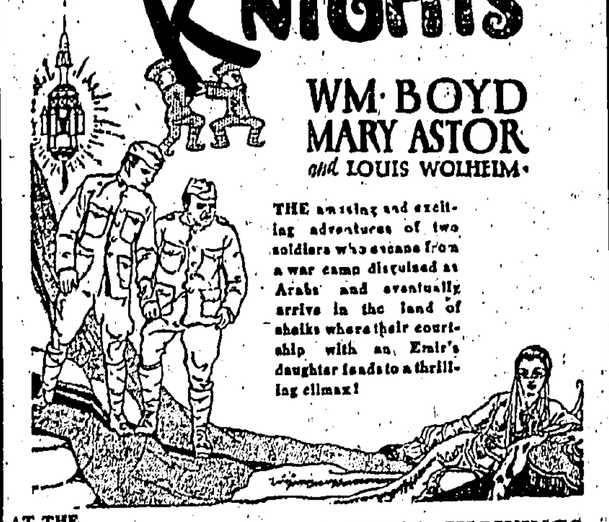

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